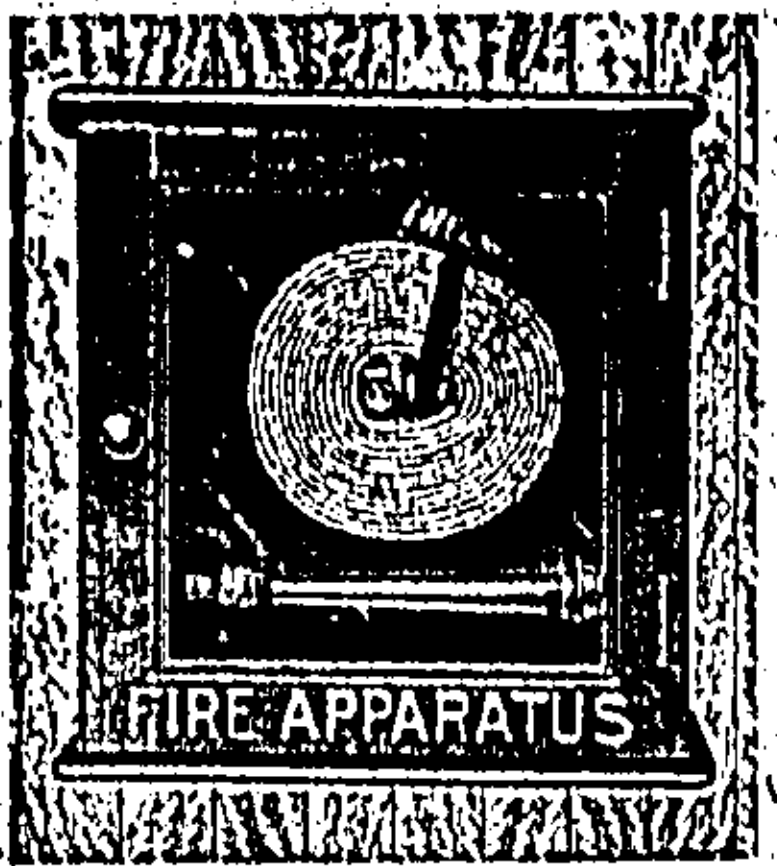


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HOTEL FIRE INQUIRY

FINDINGS OF THE JURY SUBMITTED.

STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

MANAGEMENT REMISS.

Highly important recommendations to the Government, calling for new legislation and closer supervision of fire escapes, were contained in the verdict submitted this morning of the Coroner's Jury which has been sitting on the inquiry into the King Edward Hotel fire disaster.

The jury found that there was no evidence that the fire was due to arson, and, while not satisfied that the blaze started through defective wiring, recommended that the electric equipment of all old buildings used as hotels or big office blocks should be maintained in a safe state.

They regarded the hotel management as seriously remiss in keeping the basement gate (the only fire exit in the hotel) locked.

The loss of life was due, it is held, principally to the inadequacy of the external emergency or fire stairs. In this connexion, the jury recalls the recommendations made by a Committee in 1926, especially in regard to the compulsory provision of fire escapes. They deplore the fact that the Government did not give effect to these recommendations, and are strongly of the opinion that the report of this Committee should receive the immediate and effective attention of the Government.

ADEQUATE FIRE ESCAPES ABSENT.

The Jury's finding was:—"We find that William Woods met his death by misadventure. Death was actually caused by burning."

To their verdict, the Jury added the following observations:

The fire appears to have started at the bottom of the staircase in the main hall of the hotel, and probably started in a mixed collection of luggage which was lying there. There is no evidence as to how the luggage became ignited, but, on the other hand, there is no evidence to suggest that it was due to arson.

The Jury are not satisfied that the fire originated through defective wiring, but they consider it highly desirable that Government should be invested with powers to require that the electric installations in old buildings used as hotels, large office blocks, etc., are maintained in an efficient and safe state.

The internal design and construction of the premises was such that without adequate external means of escape the building was, from the point of view of danger from fire, unsuitable for occupation as a hotel.

The jury consider that the Management of the Hotel were seriously remiss in having the basement gate at the foot of the stone steps—the only practicable fire exit in the hotel—kept locked.

The Fire Brigade deserves commendation for the speed with which they reached the scene and the manner in which they handled the situation. The threat to other buildings by a fire of this magnitude in so congested an area was serious, and that the fire was prevented from spreading across the narrow streets speaks for the efficiency of the Brigade.

No blame whatever can attach to the Brigade in connexion with the deplorable loss of life.

The equipment of the Brigade appears to be of a high standard. The Fire Brigade Superintendent stated that there is now available a water tower of a better design than that in use, and it is recommended that one of these should be added to the Brigade's equipment.

The jumping sheets are sound and of modern pattern, but it is unlikely that rescues can be effected by means of such sheets in the case of people jumping from 80 and 95 feet, as in this case.

Water appears to have been adequate, both as regards quantity and pressure, and the co-operation between the Fire Brigade and

Water Authorities appeared effective.

The loss of life appears to be principally due to the inadequacy of external emergency or fire stairs.

P.W.D. and Building Authority.

The evidence of Mr. A. E. Wright emphasised the powerlessness of these departments to insist on precautions which past experience has proved necessary for the safety of human life in old buildings such as the King Edward Hotel. Without powers conferred on them by the Legislature they cannot, so far as we can see from the evidence, insist on obvious safeguards.

On the 27th May, 1926, the Report of the Committee appointed to consider suggestions for the improvement of the fire-fighting organisation of the Colony was laid before the Legislative Council. Among the recommendations of that Committee were the following:

"As regards the further legislation suggested by the Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, we quite agree that the owners of high buildings, five storeys and over, owe a duty not only to themselves but also to the owners of adjacent buildings in regard to the provision of adequate fire-fighting apparatus. We agree also that measures regarding fire-escapes, auxiliary pumps, general fire service, and outside connexions (to enable Fire Brigade appliances to increase the pressure in the fire mains in a building by attaching the motor pumps to the connexions outside the building) should be made compulsory by legislation, and that such legislation should be made applicable, as far as practicable, to old as well as to new buildings. Generally, we suggest that legislation be passed to give the Governor-in-Council power to make Regulations in regard to the prevention of, escape from, and extinction of, fires."

Inaction Deplored.

It is to be deplored that these recommendations were not given effect to by the Government. If legislation had been passed and considered Regulations had been made promptly on the lines indicated above, the King Edward Hotel would have been compelled to install adequate external fire escapes, in which event the danger to life in case of fire would have been greatly minimised, if not entirely eliminated.

The Jury are strongly of opinion that the Report of the Committee

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WIRELESS-CABLE MERGER.

TWO NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS.

SIMILAR DIRECTORS.

London, Apr. 9.

The amalgamation of British Empire communications in the form of an Imperial wireless and cable merger became an accomplished fact to-day by the registration of the holding company, entitled Cables and Wireless, Limited.

The share capital of the holding company has been nominally placed at £100, which can, however, be increased to £25,700,000.

The Company, as agreed upon after the Imperial Conference, will acquire the stocks and shares, obligations and securities of the Eastern Telegraph, the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company, the Western Telegraph Company, and Marconi's.

The Directors.

The directors include Sir Charles Addis, Sir Basil Blackett, Viscount Incheape, Mr. F. G. Kellaway, and Signor Marconi. Lord Inverforth will be President of Cables and Wireless Limited.

Simultaneously, the operating company has been registered with the same Directorate, with Sir Basil Blackett as the Chairman.

The operating company is styled "The Imperial And International Communications, Limited."

Company's Properties.

The company will acquire the properties of the cable and wireless companies mentioned above, and in addition, the properties of the Pacific Cable Board, of the Imperial Transatlantic cables, and the British Government's beam wireless installations.—*Reuter.*

The whole purpose of this merger of the communications assets of the cable companies and the cable and beam wireless service, to be purchased from the Government to substitute for uneconomic competition between cables and wireless a co-operative development of the telegraphic communications of the Empire.

This statement was made in an interview recently by Sir Basil Blackett, the Chairman of the Communications Company. He concluded:

Big Economic Question.

"I am looking forward eagerly to the work. The public's special interest in the proposed company lies in the fact that the work before it is mainly an endeavour to deal imperially with one of the big economic questions of the Empire. The whole scheme, indeed, is an earnest of the determination of the British Empire to approach its modern problem in a spirit of solidarity and with vision and to apply the most recent discoveries of science to the service of the Empire as a unit."

American Rejection.

Washington, Apr. 9.

In spite of the statement by the companies concerned that the unification of communications, such as has occurred in the British Empire, will be to the interests of the United States, Government officials state that the amalgamation of the Radio Corporation's subsidiary company, Communications, Limited, with the International Telephone and Telegraph Company will be prohibited under the last radio law.

The sale was to have gone through at a price of \$100,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

SOUTPORT TOO GOOD FOR ACCRINGTON.

London, Apr. 9.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division of the Football League to-day, Southport defeated Accrington Stanley by three goals to one. Southport were playing at home.—*Reuter.*

TURN IN NEW DELHI OUTRAGE.

PRISONER MAY FACE MORE SERIOUS CHARGE.

THE LAHORE MURDER.

New Delhi, Apr. 9.

The police investigating the Assembly bomb outrage are now satisfied that Baghat Singh, one of the prisoners, is the nephew of Ajit Singh, who is wanted by the Punjab Police for the murder of Mr. Saunders, the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Lahore.

Police from the Punjab are arriving at New Delhi to see whether Baghat Singh answers to the description of the man who fired at and killed Mr. Saunders.

An important feature revealed is that the revolver found in the possession of Baghat was of the same make as that used in the Lahore shooting outrage, while the pamphlet thrown in the

"I'M ALONE" SINKING AFFAIR.

Accused Crew Discharged At New Orleans.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

New Orleans, Apr. 9.

At the resumed hearing of the charges against Captain Randall and the crew of the Canadian schooner "I'm Alone" all the accused were discharged.

The discharge was ordered at the request of the District Attorney who, however, emphasised that the "right of coastguard cutters to fire upon and sink run-runners is not in any way prejudiced by the application for discharge."

Reuter's American Service.

Assembly is similar to that which was put in circulation at Lahore after the murder.

The Lahore A.S.P. was cycling home when he was fired upon by two youths from point blank range, being killed almost instantly. The affair occurred towards the end of last year.

The assailants made their escape on a motor-cycle.—*Reuter.*

OIL CURTAILMENT PROPOSALS.

SIR HENRI DETERDING'S OPINION.

New York, April 9.

In the course of an interview with the *New York Times*, Sir Henri Deterding, Director-General of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, again urges the necessity for conserving the supplies of petroleum throughout the world.

He says that he does not ask the oil industry to enter into agreements, but to pledge themselves to effect "real conservation" in the course of the next nine months.

He declares that if there is effective control of production he can guarantee the maintenance of the present rate of production for 20 years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN COPPER MARKET.

UNUSUAL CONDITIONS PREVAIL.

New York, Apr. 9.

In order to meet the unusual prevailing market conditions, the copper smelters of the Affiliated Copper Exporters, Incorporated, have received special permission to sell nearby copper abroad at 22½ cents per lb. It is understood that the large producers who have sold out to July are willing to let the smelters have the market until conditions normalize.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FINE TRIBUTE TO DR. HARSTON.

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL PRESENTATION.

60,000 PATIENTS RECEIVE EYE TREATMENT.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY.

In appreciation of his 20 years' gratuitous service to the Tung Wah Hospital as Eye Specialist Consultant, Dr. G. Montague Harston was this morning made the recipient of a cheque, the presentation being made at the Hospital by Mr. M. K. Lo, the Chairman of the Council of the Institution.

In making the presentation, Mr. Lo stated that Dr. Harston had gratuitously treated 60,000 patients at the Hospital in the course of his service, and had also performed no less than 5,000 operations.

There was a large gathering of friends of Dr. Harston present this morning including most of those who had subscribed to the very handsome cheque which was the form the presentation took.

As already announced Dr. Harston who has resided in the Colony for 31 years, is shortly leaving for England on retirement.

Mr. Lo's Speech.

Mr. Lo said:—"We are met here this morning to make a formal presentation to Dr. G. Montague Harston on the occasion of his departure to England on retirement from Hongkong. Before making the presentation, I feel that it is only appropriate that I should say a few words by way of explanation as to the circumstances which have given rise to this friendly function, with which my colleagues and I regard it as a privilege to be associated."

Prior to 1905, there was, as I understand, no practitioner in Hongkong who had the requisite specialised training to do ophthalmic work. Perceiving this unsatisfactory state of affairs, Dr. Harston, who already had a knowledge of eye diseases, having studied under Juler and Hartridge at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, when on leave in England, went through a post graduate course in eye diseases, and made himself thoroughly up to date in this branch of medical science. He returned to Hongkong in 1905, and offered his free services to the Tung Wah Hospital authorities. His offer was gratefully accepted, and he became, and continued to act as, Eye Specialist Consultant, to the Hospital until 1925.

Patients and Operations.

During this lengthy period of 20 years, he held two afternoon clinics weekly for out-patients, and one morning clinic for operations. The number of patients who attended his clinics averaged about 70 a week, or over 3,000 a year. The number of operations he performed averaged about 250 a year. Therefore, as a matter of simple arithmetic, during these 20 years, he treated about 60,000 patients, and performed about 5,000 operations.

Dr. Harston was one of the first doctors in Hongkong to practise many of the then latest methods of treatment in diseases of the eye, among which may be mentioned the following:—(a) Carbon dioxide snow in trachoma; (b) Smith's intra-capsular operation for cataract; (c) Elliott's trophine operation, and later, Law's operation, for glaucoma. By lectures and demonstrations conducted at the Tung Wah Hospital he taught ophthalmology to students both of the Hongkong College and Medicine, and the University of Hongkong, and many a graduate is indebted to him for the training thus received.

Good to Humanity.

The knowledge that he was able to give free services to such a vast number of poor people who would otherwise have to forego specialised treatment, and, above all, that he must have been instrumental in saving many from going blind, and even in restoring to many an unfortunate person "the precious treasure of his eyesight," must, of course, constitute the most abiding sense of satisfaction and reward to one who, like Dr. Harston, was fired to do some good to humanity.

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AMERICAN SOCIAL SQUABBLE.

MRS. GANN'S STATUS MATTER FOR DIPLOMATS.

U.S. CANNOT DECIDE.

Washington, Apr. 8.

The Diplomatic Body here has had a two-hour discussion on the social status of Mrs. Dolly Gann, the sister of Vice-President Curtis, who has been named by the latter, who is a bachelor, as his hostess.

As a consequence of the Vice-President's choice, both Mr. and Mrs. Gann have been authorised to receive invitations to social affairs along with Mr. Curtis, but at the homes of the socially elect the Ganns have found themselves separated from Mr. Curtis and seated at the table below the foreign diplomats and their wives.

After to-day's discussion by the Diplomatic Body, Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, as Dean, visited Mr. Henry Stimson, the new Secretary of State, with regard to Mrs. Gann's social precedence.

Mr. Stimson subsequently sent a letter to Sir Esme Howard placing on the Diplomatic Corps the responsibility of determining Mrs. Gann's official social status when entertained at their homes. He says that neither Mr. Kellogg, nor any other Secretary of State, intended to make an official ruling in cases where diplomats entertained American officials and their wives, and the State Department has not raised any objection, whatever course they took.

Mr. Stimson has informed Vice-President Curtis that the State Department could determine questions relating to the precedence of foreign representatives, but it has no authority with regard to official or general society in Washington.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A photograph of Vice-President Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Gann appears on Page 8.]

WINDFALLS FOR TREASURY.

MORE THAN £500,000 IN DEATH DUTIES.

London, Apr. 9.

More than half a million sterling will be yielded to the Treasury by death duties on two wills published to-day.

Sir John Brunner a Director of the Imperial Chemical Industries, left an unestimated property of £876,102. The death duties on this sum amount to about £260,000.

Mr. Herbert Gosling a Director of Barclay's Bank, left £835,930, and in this case the death duties will be about £270,000.—*British Wireless.*

TO STUDY AFRICAN QUESTIONS.

SIR SAMUEL WILSON LEAVES LONDON.

London, Apr. 9.

Sir Samuel Wilson, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, left London this afternoon for East Africa to confer with the local Governments and representatives of Unofficial opinion on the Hilton Young report regarding closer co-operation between Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.

He is accompanied by Lady Wilson and will be absent for three months.—*British Wireless.*

KING SPENDS MORE TIME OUTDOORS.

VISITED BY DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

London, Apr. 9.

H.M. the King to-day not only spent the morning in the grounds of Craigwell House, but he went out again after lunch.

The Duke and Duchess of York went down from London to visit H.M. Majesty, who walked with them for a short distance in the grounds.—*British Wireless.*

THE KUOMINCHUN RETREATING?

ALLEGED THREAT BY CHIANG.

FENG AGAIN PROTESTS HIS ALLEGIANCE.

NANKING ON ALERT.

Hankow, Apr. 9.

Another and more important delegate from Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, in the person of Mr. Ma Fushiang, arrived in Hankow this evening bearing further declarations of the "Christian" General's submission to the Central Government.

Mr. Ma Fushiang says that the Kuominchun troops inside the borders of Hupeh were at the orders of the Central Government and would withdraw to Honan when the Central Government so desired.—*Reuter.*

A most startling report has been received from Chinese sources in Hankow to the effect that the Kuominchun troops have commenced to retire into Honan, the sudden retreat being the result of a telegram from Chiang to Feng stating that if they have not retired in two days, the Central Government will deem it wise to use force.

No confirmation of this report has been received from other sources, but it is also significantly reported that Marshal Chiang has declared that there are other militarists who have not been eliminated who are harmful to the country.

Overriding It?

Political circles are inclined to regard Feng's frequent protestations of allegiance to Nanking as rather suspicious rather than otherwise.

It is understood on good authority that Feng has ordered his troops to retire to Washington. Meanwhile large numbers of Nanking troops, under the command of Gen. Feng Chen-wu, one of Chiang's subordinates, are reported to be moving south on the Peking-Hankow Railway from Chihli.

Kwangsi Adamant.

It is reported that General Wong Shao-hung, the Kwangsi leader, has sent a telegram to the Canton Government in which he advocates a continuation of peace and co-operation between the two Kwangs. In the course of this message, General Wang states that Chiang Kai-shek declared war on Wuhan without provocation, and he considers that the Marshal was rash in trying to settle the dispute on the battlefield.

A further point stressed in the telegram is that although Li Chung-yen, Pei Chung-hai and others fought battle after battle for the unification of the country, they are now being branded by those in power as reactionaries. "Is this the way to treat comrades who have gone through untold sufferings for the country?" asks General Wong.

General Wong adds:—"Although our course of action may be different, yet I trust we shall come to the same conclusion—the preservation and perpetuation of friendship of the two provinces."

Kuomintang Posts.

Nanking, Apr. 9.

At the third and last General Meeting of the newly-elected Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, the following appointments were confirmed:

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to be Director and Mr. Chen Kuo-fu to be Assistant Director of the Organisation Department;

Mr. Yen Tui-chang to be Director and Liu Lu-yin to be Assistant Director of the Publicity Department;

Mr. Chen Li-fu to be Chief Secretary of the Central Party Headquarters.—*Reuter.*

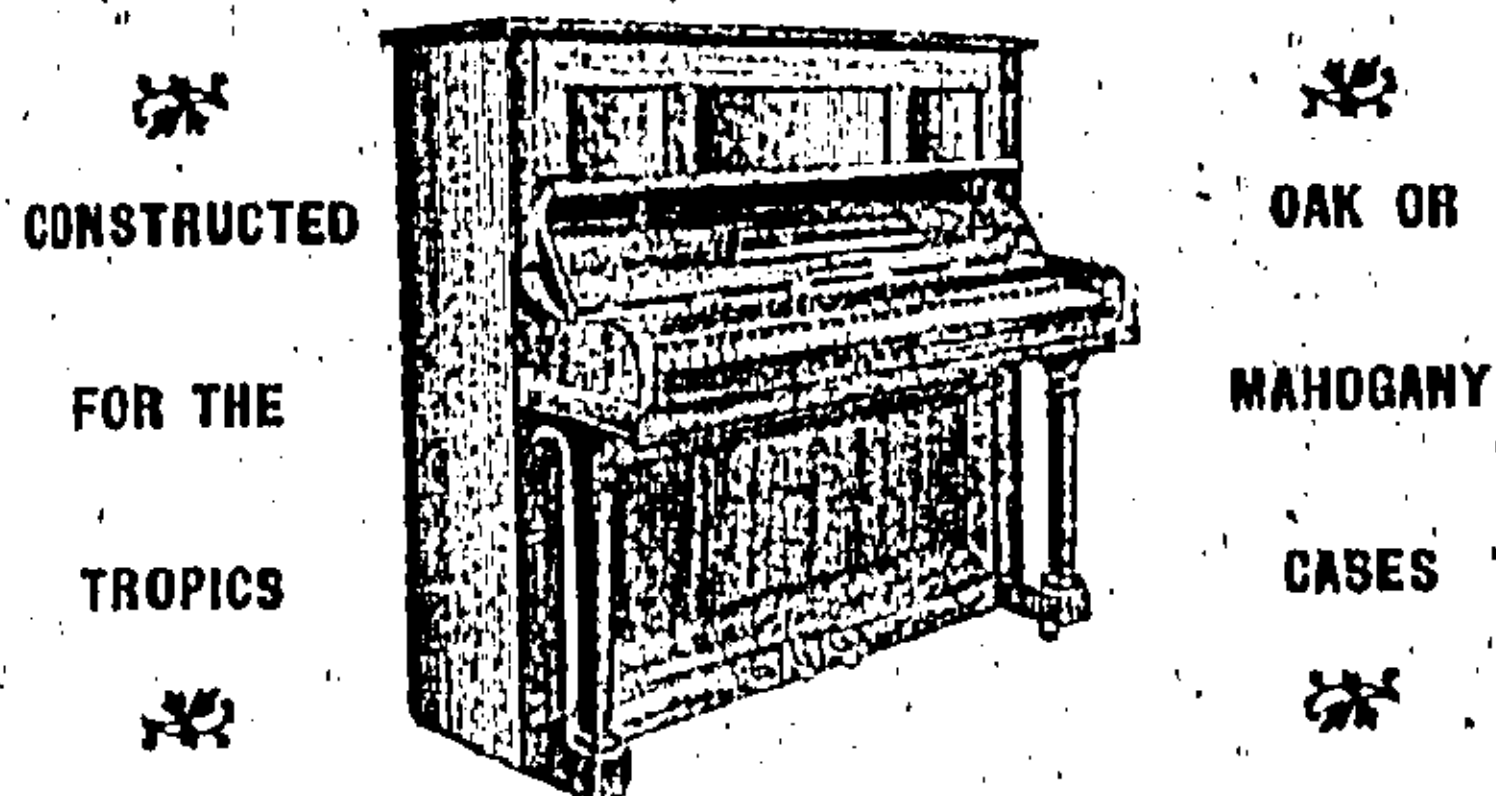
The story of the impending resignation of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek from all his official posts is obviously incorrect.

Uneasiness Allayed.

Hankow, Apr. 9.

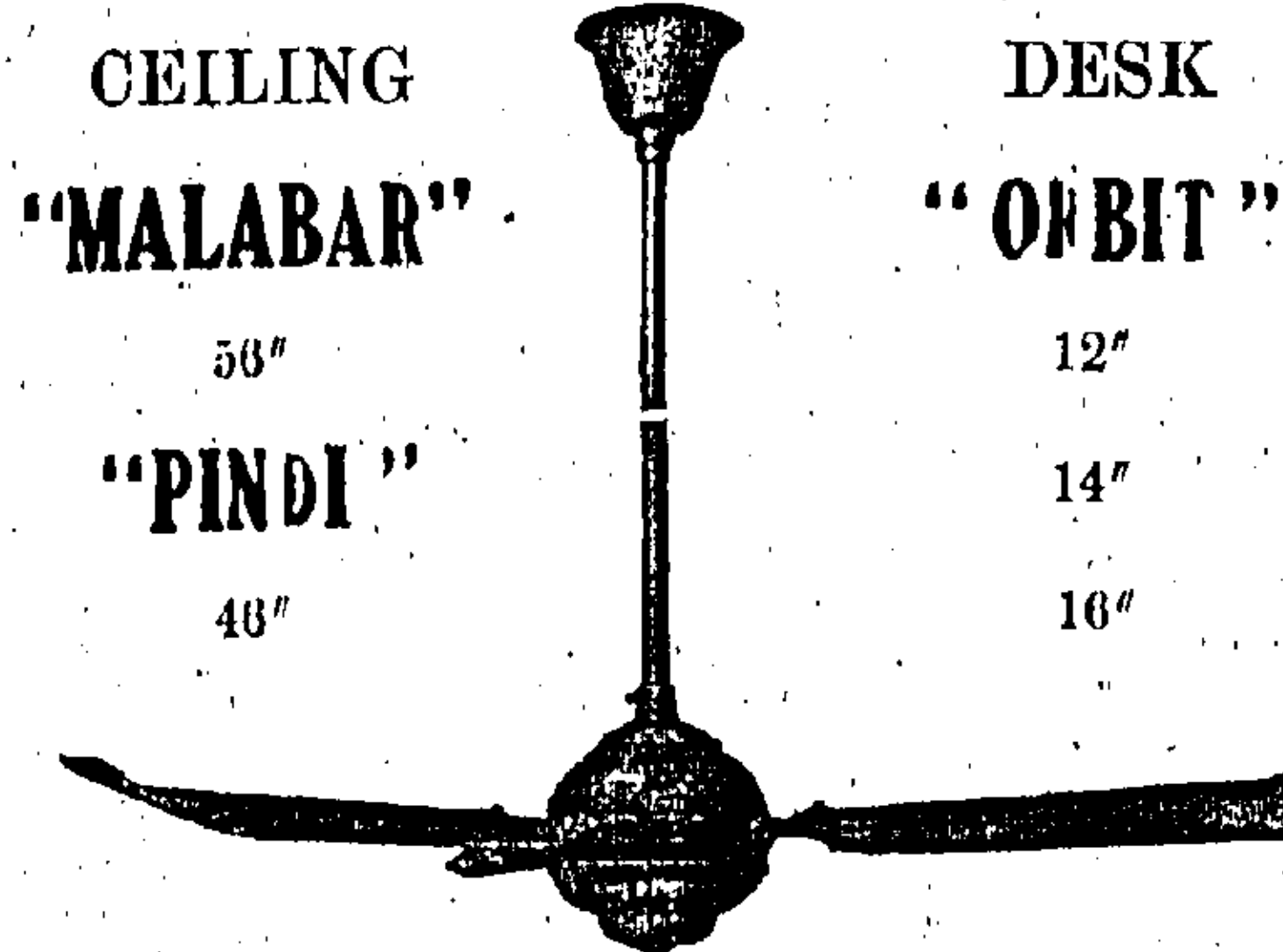
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VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AMALGAMATION WITH THE
C. M. A.

MORE CO-OPERATION.

The President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association were at Home yesterday afternoon to members and friends at the Helena May Institute, and following the reception a meeting was held, during the course of which the Victoria Diocesan Association and the Church Missionary Association became merged into one body, under the style and title of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria presided at the meeting which was attended by over a hundred members, the interest being principally in the fact that it was the inaugural meeting of the new body.

Outlining the steps which led to the merging of the two Associations, the Bishop stated that the Victoria Diocesan Association had been in existence in Hongkong for eight years and the Church Missionary Association for 30 years. Before explaining in detail the hopes and aspirations of the new Association, the Bishop formally proposed the adoption of its constitution, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Bishop said that the new Association should stand for three things. In the first place it was meant to express the family life of the Diocese. Secondly they wanted the V.D.M.A. to form what one might call the inner circle within the family. Finally, they wanted the new Association to be the home of creative fellowship, and it was because he strongly believed in the future possibilities of the Association that it was a pleasurable duty indeed to propose the adoption of the constitution.

The ideal of the Diocese as one great family had always been a leading idea in the life of the Church, he said. The old builders had that ideal in mind when they founded the grand cathedrals. Their idea was to make them a great family house of God, and the ideal had come down through the ages. It was indeed a matter of doubt whether that ideal which had been handed down could be improved on. The Bishop thought that the vision which our forefathers in the faith saw, of one great diocese family, was a true one. Anyway, he wanted the V.D.M.A. to be a guild of fellowship.

This spirit should be carried right into the heart of the life of the Church, and he believed that the Association could do valuable work by linking together the members of the different congregations and also by the half-yearly At Homes. They were naturally shy creatures, almost without exception, and there were many barriers to be broken down, but let them not talk to the same old friends—rather, let them make pilgrimages into new fields, and let the Association truly attempt to express the family life of the Diocese.

Linking with the Chinese.

The Association, continued the Bishop, should form a natural bridge between the Chinese Christians and the British Christians, making the Christian family a homogeneous whole irrespective of race. He doubted very much if fellowship between race and race came so much directly as by having common interests and common work to do.

The Association could provide the necessary rallying point, and it was a happy coincidence that the V.D.M.A. should be inaugurated on the same day when they had for their subject "Remedies for Racial Friction," which was the title of a lecture the Rev. R. D. Rees, the Assistant History Pro-

WUCHOW'S WATER.

SIEMENS COMPANY SECURE
THE CONTRACT.

Wuchow is to have an up-to-date waterworks plant. The Wuchow municipality have entered into a contract with the Hongkong branch of Messrs. Siemens (China) Company to install a plant designed to provide a supply for a population of 130,000.

The water will be drawn from the Fu River, which is practically clear throughout the year. A water tower has been designed, and there will be two pumps. The water will be pumped into especially designed settling tanks at a level of about 300 feet, and will then flow to the rapid filter tanks. The reservoir will be placed at a sufficient height above the city to ensure an adequate pressure at all times. Fire hydrants will also be provided at various points in the city.

Siemens Company are undertaking the provision of the plant and piping. They have been responsible for the Amoy waterworks and many other engineering undertakings in China.

Professor at Lingnan University, proposed to deliver that evening. It was a pity that Mr. Y. H. Tso, M.A., who had proposed to speak on the same subject, had left the Colony before the date of the meeting.

The Bishop urged the members present to link up with friends at Home, and added that there will be a constant interchange between the Association in Hongkong and the Association at Home; and members of the Association who may chance to be in England this year as well as their friends, were cordially invited to attend the V. D. A. reunion in London in June.

The necessity for a broad outlook was stressed by the Bishop. He did not want either the diocesan or missionary side of the work to suffer because the two associations had ceased to exist as separate entities—rather, he desired that both should grow. The V.D.M.A. was a challenge to the Christian life of the Colony, and should take a wide view of things. Each individual effort would count, and it was only through the sense of diocesan unity that the larger unity of the Church could be realised.

The New Committee.

The following Executive Committee for the ensuing year was proposed by the Bishop and unanimously appointed:

President and Chairman:—The Bishop.

Vice Chairman:—Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

Hon. Treasurer:—Col. T. A. Robertson.

Hon. Secretary:—Mrs. G. D. R. Black.

Joint Hon. Secretary:—Rev. N. V. Halward.

Cathedral Group:—The Dean of Hongkong, Miss N. P. Acheson, Col. R. B. Skinner, Mrs. E. Davidson.

St. Andrew's Group:—Rev. W. W. Rogers, Miss M. Gill, Mrs. R. Baldwin.

St. Peter's Group:—Rev. N. V. Halward, Miss B. Yuen, Mr. H. S. Clayton.

Chinese Church Group:—Rev. Lee Kau-yan, Dr. Chau Wai-cheung, Mr. Woo Yee-tung, Dr. S. W. Phoon.

Outposts Group:—Mrs. F. Sutton.

Hospital Supplies and Xmas Gifts Fund:—Mrs. R. B. Skinner.

V.D.A. London Sales:—Mrs. Roffey.

Co-opted Members:—Rev. C. B. Shann, Rev. A. B. Stewart, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Prof. L. Forster, Mrs. Britton, Miss E. S. Atkins, Mrs. C. H. Duggan and Miss A. Kwok.

Racial Problems.

The lecture by the Rev. R. D. Rees was exceedingly interesting, and following the theme of the title of his address he stated that three

A NEW MEMBER.

MR. T. N. CHAU TO JOIN
SANITARY BOARD.

It is reported that Mr. T. N. Chau, M.A. (Oxon), Barrister-at-law, has been appointed by the Hongkong Government as Chinese representative on the Sanitary Board in place of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, L.L.D., who has resigned. Mr. Chau, it is understood, has accepted the post.

The new Chinese member of the Sanitary Board is 36 years of age and is a son of the late Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, a former Chinese representative on the Hongkong Legislative Council.

Mr. T. N. Chau is well known in this Colony. He has been associated with the Tung Wah Hospital, the Po Leung Kuk, the District Watchmen's Committee and the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, on which he has served for a period of over ten years as Hon. Foreign Secretary.

He is also Hon. Treasurer of the Boy Scouts Association, the Hongkong University Chinese School Fund and the University Women's Hostel Fund, besides being Chairman of the Chinese Shipowners' Association and Chairman of the Hongkong and Kowloon Property Owners' Association.

He was at Lingnan University they had Dr. Cheng Ching-yi, of Shanghai, as their preacher at the Sunday morning service and the difficulties surrounding racial friction were discussed.

Some people had said that the greatest problem was now represented in Kenya Colony, the white population being enormously outnumbered, hence the passing in 1926 of the "colour bar."

In the United States the negro problem was not so serious and yet even in the States it presented a serious problem.

Then again there was the question of the complicated relations between the Chinese and foreign Powers. As far as Hongkong was concerned, those who looked beneath the surface, in a colony where there were 700,000 Chinese amongst whom were living 16,000 of other races, one of which was responsible for the Government and had a considerable naval and military personnel present, would not find it difficult to realise that enormous demands were made by such a situation on human nature.

The special relationship in which Hongkong lived demanded constant and conscious effort to raise it to and keep it near the level of the Kingdom of God.

Referring to the question of co-operation, the speaker said that when in Shanghai he noticed that no effort seemed to be made by the Cathedral there in that direction. Some people might reply that the English Church in a place like Shanghai or Hongkong was meant for the British and American communities, and that it was no part of its purpose to aim at being "a centre of inter-racial life." Perhaps that latter expression was too strong. It was quite natural to concentrate primarily on the needs of one racial group. English-speaking Chinese should be made welcome and at home in the services of worship, and on occasions certain Chinese should be invited to preach from the pulpits of the cathedrals.

In England Chinese clergy and laymen were asked to speak in the cathedrals and churches and people were greatly helped by their messages.

The speaker had a good word to say for the Chinese student returned from abroad. He said that there had been occasions when they returned with a thin veneer of civilisation, but asserted that these cases were exceptional. Of course they were not all successful, but amongst their ranks there were men and women who were doing a great work for the future of China. Closer intercourse with the returned student should be sought.

NOT A FALSE ENTRY.

WITNESS UNABLE TO
EXPLAIN HIS OWN BOOK.

An entry in the defendant's own book of which he professed to be unable to give an explanation was an interesting point which arose during the hearing of the promissory note case before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. The defendant, Mr. Chung-yi, agreed that according to the entry a sum of money had been paid to the plaintiff as interest but at first he denied the fact of payment, and said he knew nothing about it.

This caused his Lordship to say it was a remarkable thing that a man could not give an explanation of an entry in his own book. Later witness denied the money was paid on account of interest and added that the entry was made by his manager while he (witness) was away from the Colony.

Lam Ting-on, as head of the King On Tong firm, No. 80, Third Street, is suing the Ma Pak Leung firm of drugists, No. 310, Queen's Road Central, for \$4,098 alleged to be due under a promissory note dated January 16, 1921. The defence is that the firm sued is the Yut Tung Ma Pak Leung firm of Hongkong, while the maker of the note is the Kwai Nin Tong Ma Pak Leung firm of Fatsien and Canton, the firms being entirely distinct though the owners belong to the same family.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, is for the plaintiff, while Mr. C. G. Albaster, K.C., together with Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, senior, is defending.

A Book Entry.

In the course of cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin witness was shown one of his own firm's books containing an entry to the effect that a sum of money had been paid to the Fook Kee firm for them to pay to Lam Ting-on as interest. Witness denied that the money had been paid to Lam Ting-on and added that he knew nothing about it.

His Lordship said it was a remarkable thing that witness could not give information regarding entries in his own books. He had made a statement which directly contradicted his case and then he could not give an explanation. His Lordship added he did not think that was a proper manner to answer the question.

Remembering that he would put the question again, and that the entry was not a surprise to the defendant, who had seen it before, Mr. Jenkin asked "Do you say you have no idea to what that entry refers?"

His Lordship, intervening, with a remark that he would like the matter cleared up, asked, "Do you deny that amount shown by that entry was in fact paid to Lam Ting-on as interest?"

Not Paid For Interest.

Witness's reply was, "No, I deny that it was paid on account of interest. It appears in the book to be so but I know nothing about it and I don't think it was paid for interest."

His Lordship: (That is a different matter. You deny it was paid as interest. Do you wish to qualify that now?—I don't know why that was paid to Lam Ting-on or against what.)

Well, that is for you to say. It is your book?—I was absent my Lord. Replying to Mr. Jenkin, witness said he knew the plaintiff was using that entry as evidence and he (witness) had asked his manager about it. The manager had told him that the Fook Kee had sent some correspondence to him to pay money to the Chai Ying Company.

Witness denied that he handed the promissory note to Cheung Chuk-poo, the accountant of the plaintiff firm, on July 17, 1921.

Re-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said he would not say that the entry in question was a false entry, but his manager had made the entry as he (witness) was away from the Colony at the time.

The hearing was adjourned.

LEAVE FOR HOME.

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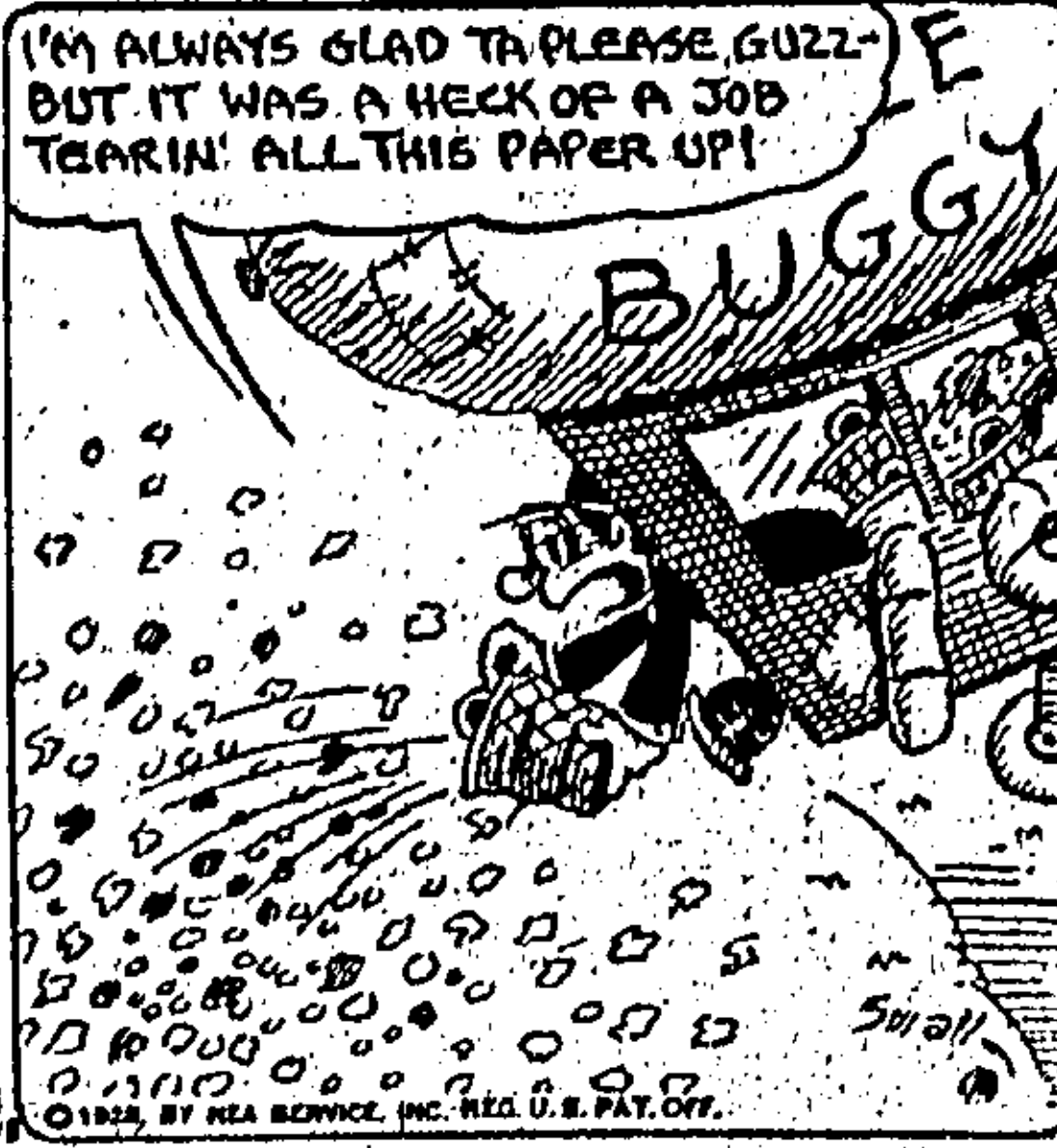
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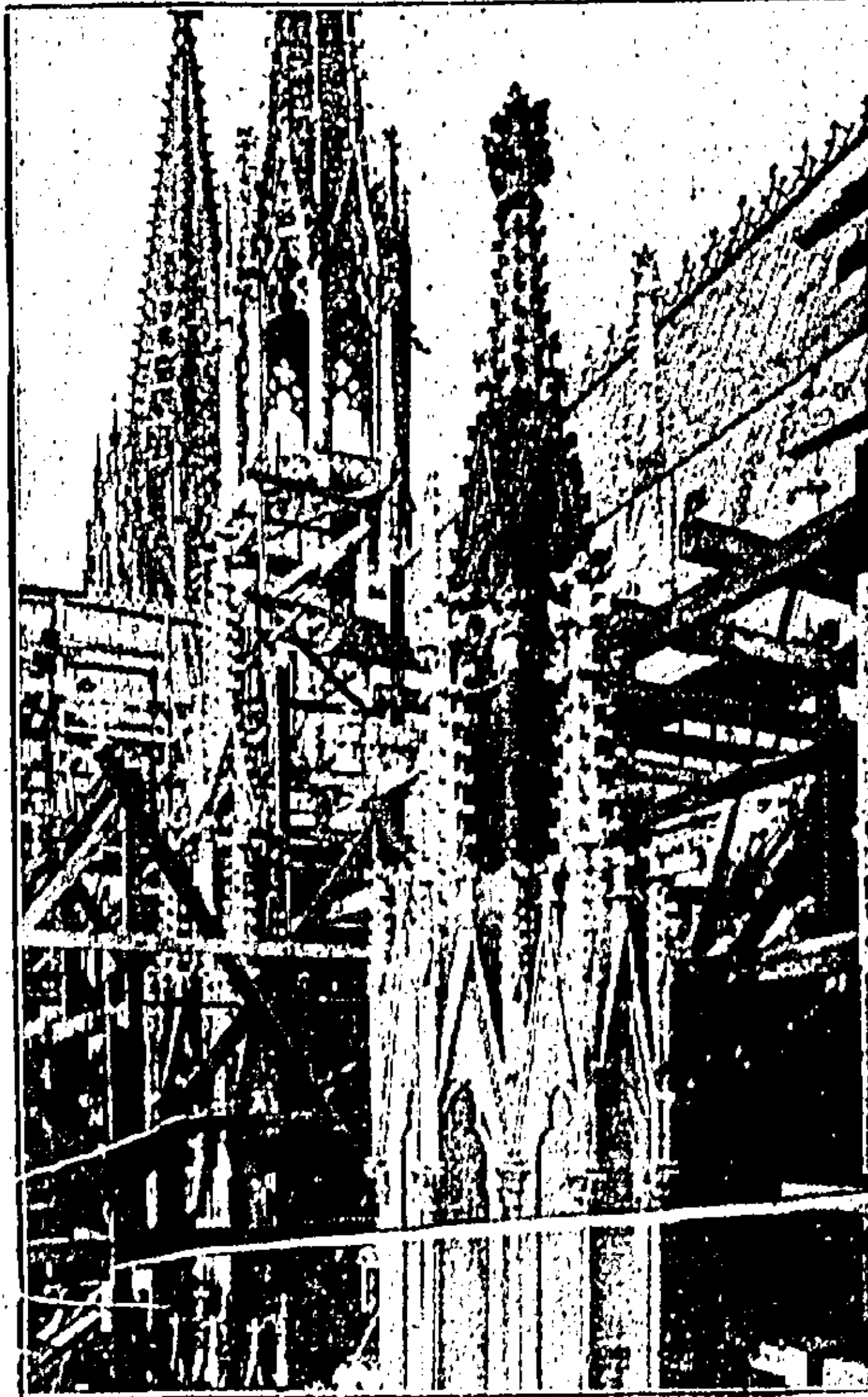




Some of the foremost figures at the inauguration of President Hoover are pictured above. No. 1 is the daughter-in-law of the First Lady, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., Anne Hoover. The man at the microphone, Graham McNamee is shown in No. 2. Next are President and Mrs. Hoover, the centre of an admiring throng of Washingtonians. No. 4 shows 'Ex-President' and Mrs. Coolidge, just before the inauguration ceremonies began. No. 5 is Major John Coolidge and his fiancée, Miss Florence Trumbull, who were among those present. In No. 6 are pictured two of the gray-clad veterans of the south, who rode in the inaugural parade. They are Major General A. T. Goodwyn of Birmingham, left, and Major General N. D. Hawkins.



A heavy fall of snow in Ottawa before the opening of the Canadian Parliament permitted the revival of the picturesque custom of the Governor-General driving to the Parliament Buildings in an open sleigh. An official photograph of Lord Willingdon leaving the sleigh on his arrival. Times copyright.



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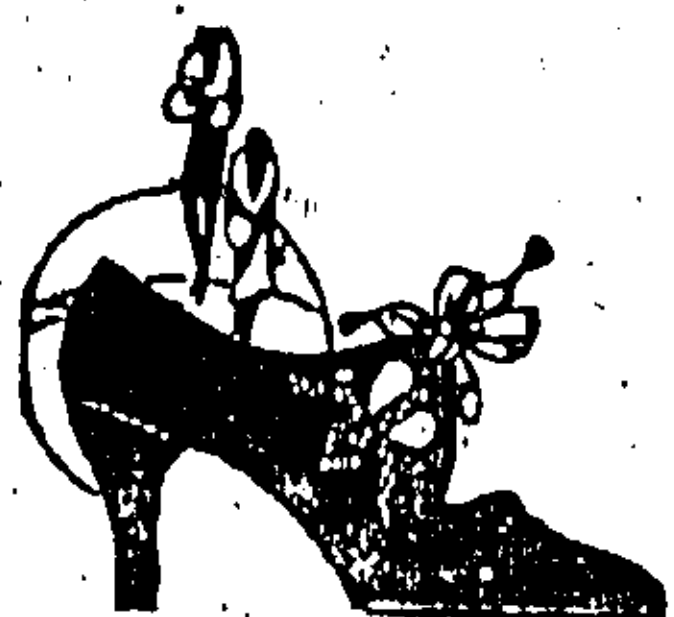
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TIMBER FIRM SUED.

CROWN TAKE ACTION FOR ENCROACHMENT.

Encroachments on Crown land at the Praya East Reclamation, by reason of timber belonging to a timber company being deposited outside the firm's boundaries, resulted in an action being heard in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) when the Hon. Attorney General was the plaintiff. The defendants were the On Cheung Timber Company, No. 17, Sharp Street East, Bowrington, and the claim against them was for the sum of \$642 being rent for the use of the extra land for six months at the rate of 2 cents per square foot. Mr. L. R. Andrews appeared for the Attorney General, while Mr. F. H. Loebley defended.

In outlining his case, Mr. Andrews stated that the defendants were licensees of 16,000 square feet of land on the Praya East Reclamation and upon that land they had erected a timber yard. There had been other encroachments in respect of which the necessary fees had been paid. The fee under the licence was 20 cents per square foot per month, and the Crown considered that a similar charge in respect of the encroachments in question was fair and reasonable.

Defendants' Admissions.
Mr. Loebley said he would admit that the defendants were licensees of 16,000 square feet; that if there was encroachment, 2 cents per square foot was a proper measure of damages. He further admitted that there had been encroachment for some days during the period April 1-3, 1927, over an estimated area of 3,000 square feet. The issue, he added, was how far had the defendants encroached and for what period.

Mr. R. A. Hyne, an overseer of the P.W.D., said he noticed the encroachment on about December 1, 1927, over an area which he estimated to be 7,000 square feet. Witness subsequently went to work in Kowloon, his place being taken by Mr. W. Shaw.

Replying to questions, witness said he did not report it because he was looking after the reclamation work and he did not interfere except on occasions when the encroachments interfered with the reclamation work, as he had no special instructions.

Mr. W. Shaw, also an overseer in the P.W.D., said he noticed the encroachments on January 23, 1928, which lasted until June. On May 7 witness measured the actual encroachments, which amounted to 6,400 square feet. The timber was claimed by the defendant who said he would clear it.

Mr. Loebley put it to witness that people were allowed to encroach provided they paid for the land used, to which witness replied that the defendants had not paid.

A Contended Offence?
Mr. Loebley remarked his point was it was an offence which was condoned by the P.W.D.

Evidence was also given by Mr. W. J. Anderson, who stated that other sums for encroachment had been paid and the present claim was the only one that had been contested.

This closed the case for the Crown, when Mr. Loebley said that he had only put the Crown to proof. The defendant's manager was, however, present in Court, but no evidence would be offered unless his Lordship desired it.

His Lordship: I don't propose to direct you. Are you calling evidence or are you not? No.

After Mr. Loebley had said he did not think it would be of any help if he addressed the Court, his Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

THE PRINCE STUCK IN A LIFT.

JOKES ON PREDICAMENT AT VISIT TO G.P.O.

The Prince of Wales had the unusual experience of being trapped in a lift when he paid an informal visit recently to the General Post Office.

Accompanied by the Postmaster-General and others, the Prince entered a lift at the Toll Telephone Exchange in Carter-lane, E.C. Filled to capacity, the lift was ascending when it came to a halt between the second and third floors. There it stuck for two minutes, while the attendant used all the methods of persuasion he could think of.

A slight mechanical defect was remedied, and the Prince, who joked about the predicament in which he was placed, began his tour of the exchange.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Matters of Interest.

GAUNTLET BRACELETS.

Oblong stones in deep sapphire and pale aquamarine blue are combined in attractive bracelets for afternoon or evening wear. The stones are arranged to fit the wrist tightly, and widen towards the middle of the forearm to make a jewelled gauntlet which looks most effective when worn on a tight sleeve or in the evening on the bare arm.

Original Hat Trimming.

Two burgles filled with figures in early English costume, cleverly worked in wool in a background of canvas, make their appearance on an advance summer millinery model. The hat is a large picture affair of natural coloured leghorn straw, and the two quaint motifs are placed on either side of the crown as the sole trimming.

Leaf Pearl Necklaces.

Leaf-shaped medallions of tinted mother-of-pearl are used for the new "choker" necklaces. The medallions are strung together on fine metal wire, and the mother-of-pearl is tinted pale green, pink, or honey colour, so that the trinkets can be purchased to harmonise with any gown.

For the Writing Table.

A round crystal box with a domed lid containing a painted flower makes an attractive receptacle for stamps on the boudoir writing table. The rounded lid makes the painted flower stand out like a real blossom, and tiny carnations, violets, roses and forget-me-nots can be effectively shown in this way.

Fountain Clock.

Paris jewellers seem to be devoting their time to the designing of beautiful and expensive clocks, and one novelty for the boudoir is made like a fountain, poised on a base of black marble. The fountain is composed of crystal, and the numbers are picked out in diamonds, while fish swim round the pool to mark the time.

Hand-painted Stockings.

The finest of silk stockings for evening wear are now adorned with hand-painted designs in delicate colours. Stockings in a flesh colour designed for evening wear have garlands of roses and forget-me-nots painted on the side of the leg instead of the usual clox.



Brown and yellow georgette makes a very pretty afternoon gown. Here the shaped hip-yoke is pleasingly illustrated, the skirt floating from it into points at the hem. The slightly draped bodice, tying in front, is another characteristic feature of modern dress.



The revival of the blouse is well illustrated in the smartly-tailored little model on the left; it is made of beige crepe, trimmed with stitched bands of self material and an inset monogram in front. Black and orange crepe materialises the overblouse on the right; this takes on a very feminine line with draperies and softly cascading jabot.

Draped Girdles.

SOME OF THE LATEST FASHION POINTS.

In viewing the new collections of clothes, it becomes very evident that they team with new ideas, in cut, in trimming, in the form of cuffs and collars, and necklines and girdles.

In this last field, a particularly significant contribution is apparent. The draped girdle or skirt-yoke often is arranged to finish in two sash ends, more or less long, which tie at one side, over an inset or fullness. This has the admirable advantage of offering the woman who is "training down" at tennis or swimming, a method of keeping her gown fitting trimly over decreasing measurements.

The new ideas developed include the triangular motif, as applied to flounces in various ways—triangular godets of one material inset into another, giving a circular flare and a rippling line, bias cut flounces mounted in a series of zig-zag lines, which give them an unusual way of falling, and a flattering line; these are only some of the latest fashion points.

Triangular godets, beginning half way below the knees and the hips, give a new silhouette to gowns and coats. The diagonal line is used in a number of hip-yokes, where a circular skirt is often mounted on the yoke in such a way as to concentrate a cascade of fullness at one side, or, often, at both sides.

Garter Fashions.
It may seem exaggerated to say that there is a change in the fashion of garters, but there actually is. They are narrower, and flatter, than ever before, no rosettes, just a little tailored bow at the closing, or a flat monogram in straps.

Some are seen closed with a strapping of ribbons drawn through mother-of-pearl rings sewn into the end of the elastic. This is practical, for the garter can be shortened by pulling up the ribbon, and giving it a few

Beauty Hints.

FOR THE EARS AND COMPLEXION.

A Mayfair beauty specialist is giving special attention to the ears.

"Few women have naturally pretty ears," she said, "and present fashions are unkind in this respect. Many of my clients wear their hair brushed back behind the ears, and some have adopted the very trying mode of having a long, heavy earring in one ear only."

An Alabaster Effect.

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When the Skin is Browned.
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stitches, and one knows the destructive labour necessary to shorten garters heretofore. The flatness of these new garters has its perfectly sound reason; the thin dresses show the least extra thickness.

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- 13 Belonging to wings.
- 15 Make call.
- 16 Advanced in time.
- 18 Sleeps.
- 19 Many.
- 20 Assign.
- 22 Pierced.
- 25 Gives over.
- 28 Combined.
- 30 Dwell.
- 31 Monastery.
- 32 Accustom.
- 35 Want.
- 38 Claw.
- 39 The devil.
- 40 Promise upon oath.
- 44 One who slumbers.
- 46 Benediction.
- 49 Lacerate.
- 50 Watch.
- 51 Measure of area.
- 52 Rain mingled with hail.
- 53 Greek letter.
- 54 Spoil.
- 56 Set again.
- 59 Formerly.

Down

- 1 Support.
- 2 Cut and gather.
- 3 Holder of hereditary title.
- 4 Not at all.
- 5 Ascend.
- 6 Lift.
- 7 Pierce.
- 8 Affirms.
- 9 Equipment.

SMALL-POX FIGURES.

LAST WEEK'S RETURN SHOWS FURTHER DECLINE.

The Medical Officer's weekly health return continues to show a further decline in small-pox. Only 15 cases were reported last week, the number being lower than for any single week since the epidemic broke out. Twelve of these were Chinese and one British. Six cases were reported from Victoria, six from Kowloon and one from Shaikwan.

Yesterday four more Chinese cases (one imported) were reported.

The following table gives the weekly return since November 3:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	31	29
December 22	31	22
December 29	73	38
January 6	30	48
January 12	35	44
January 19	51	83
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	58
February 9	80	59
February 16	47	61
February 23	64	59
March 2	51	34

HAND SHAKING TO BE LIMITED.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S SWOLLEN WRIST.

Washington, Apr. 4.
President Herbert Hoover today declared a ban on presidential handshaking.

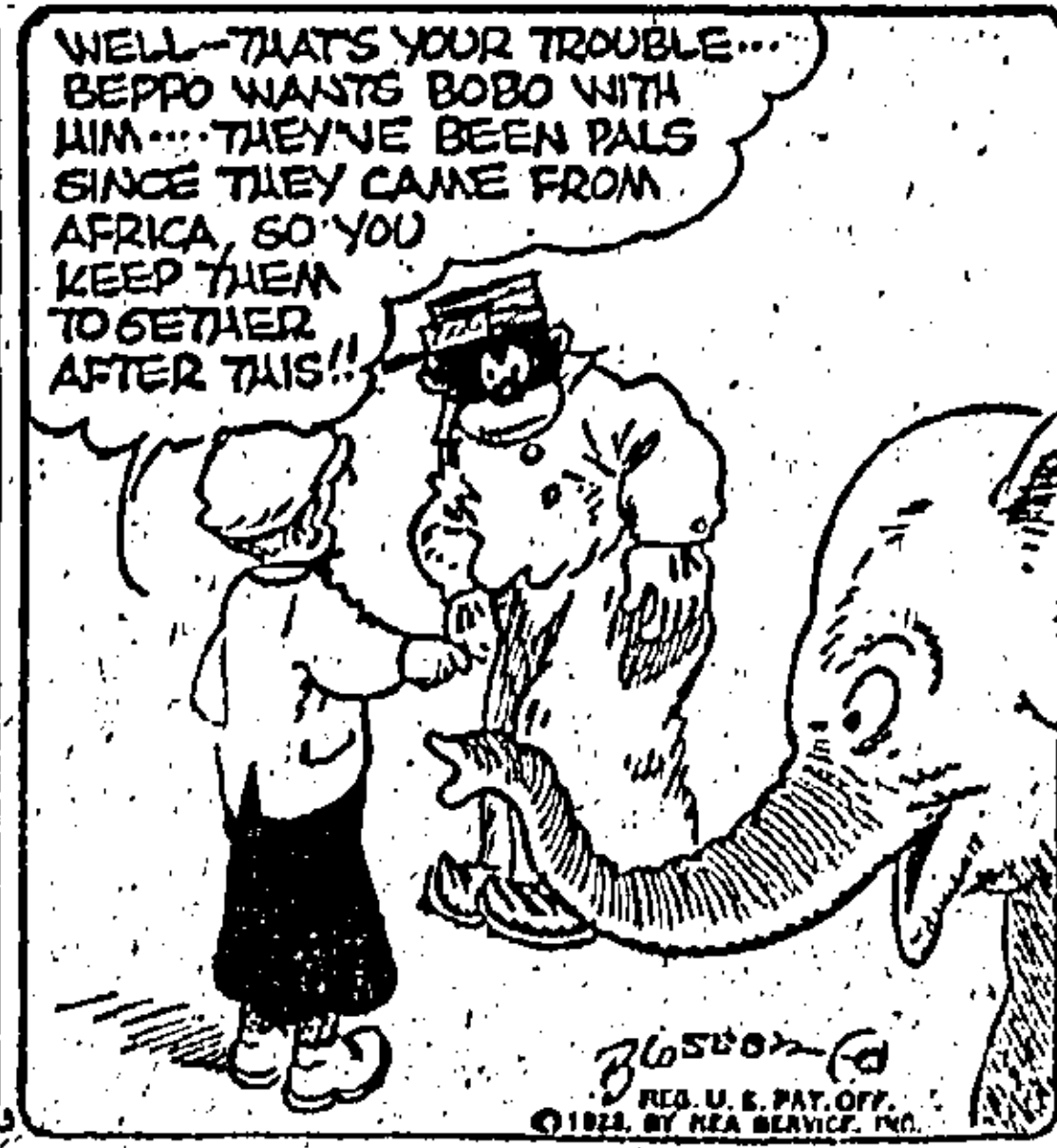
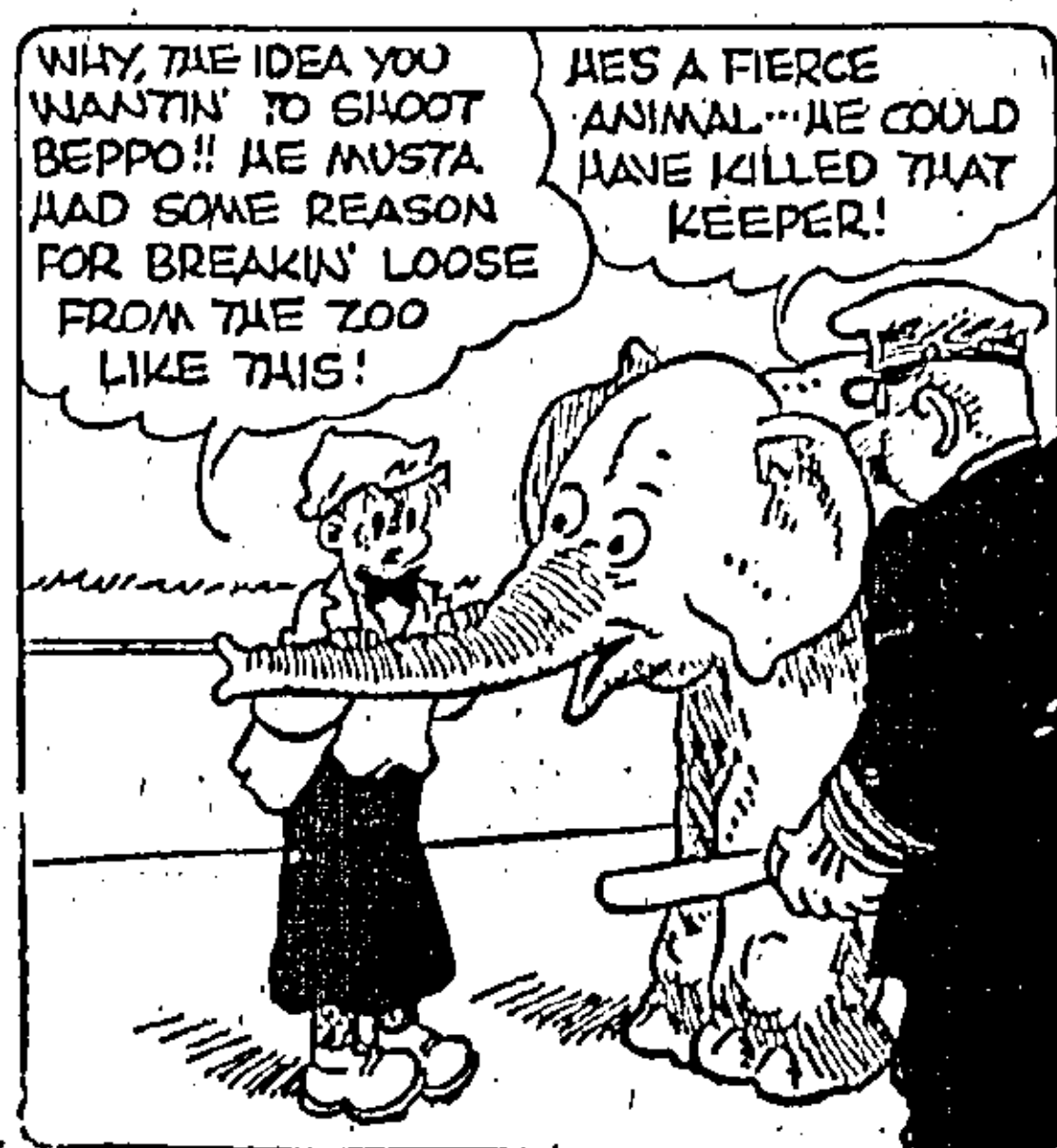
Suffering from a painfully swollen wrist as the result of shaking hands with 1,750 persons at the semi-weekly presidential reception on Wednesday, Mr. Hoover announced that he intends to request members of the Congress to limit their letters of introduction for the receptions to 10 each, as a maximum. Senior Copeland of New York, sent 180 persons with letters of introduction to the President to Wednesday's reception.

Mr. Hoover could write only with difficulty to-day, his secretary said, and would have to keep his handshaking down to a point where it will not interfere with his work in future.—United Press.

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March 9	37	42
March 16	28	51
March 23	31	47
March 30	22	29
April 6	13	10
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 1929

MONEY TALKS.

The new "war" in China which, owing to the collapse of the Wuhan faction, does not appear likely to last much longer, has provided the customary evidence of the power which money plays. Just before the actual outbreak of hostilities, Pei Chung-hai's troops were bought over by the Nationalists, and we may be sure that money was a factor which caused one of the generals assigned to the task of helping in the defence of Hankow to let the "enemy" through. This purchasing of loyalty is always associated with military operations in China; indeed, it may be said that far more victories have been won by cash than by fighting. In the case of Feng Yu-shiang, whose movements have latterly been arousing some suspicion, it is now stated that the Central Government may recompense him for the military expenses incurred in preparing to assist in the Wuhan campaign, and that whatever misunderstandings have arisen will be settled in this manner. Money, again!

But not only in regard to the purchasing of loyalty do monetary considerations play such a big part; for we find it a general experience that wherever troops station themselves they begin to fasten on to those who can supply them with funds. The demands made by Chang Chung-chang on the Chefoo Chamber of Commerce come readily to mind, but these are merely typical of what happens all over the country. Unhappily, even the Nationalist troops are no whit behind "rebels" in this respect. We have just been reading an account of the circumstances which have marked the two years' occupation of Tsinglangpu city, in Kiangsu, by the Central Government forces, and this shows that these troops were constant in their demands on the Chamber of Commerce for money and other needed supplies. Large orders for beds and tables were made, and it is reported that not a vestige of this furniture

was left by the troops when they departed. These beds and tables were broken up for firewood, over five thousand such articles being thus destroyed and no recompense whatever made. With the troops, were Kuomintang leaders sent to the locality to put Sun Yat-sen ideals into practice. At first, we read, great enthusiasm was shown by young and old alike, for all believed that the Kuomintang plans would solve China's ills. Not long afterwards, however, enthusiasm turned to disappointment and apathy, for there were constant demands on the people for money. Many rich people had to flee for their lives, and some were caught in the meshes of the net and taken to the capital. The reaction is shown by the feeling amongst merchants, who say that unless more material evidences of economic advance, and not simply lip-service, are forthcoming, the insecure foundations of the local Government will crumble away.

We quote this purchasing of loyalty from Army leaders and this rapacity of military commanders in the interior to show that the National Government has a long way to go yet before it can be said to be inspired by any higher motives than those which we have become accustomed to associate with the political life of China. In any event, the kind of loyalty which can be bought with dollars is of very doubtful value in times of crisis, as has again and again been demonstrated in China's history. Real unification of the country cannot be attained by such methods. There must be higher and better motives than that. This is one of the lessons emphasised by "the new war." As it happens, the National Government has come out on top at the moment, but we never know when money may again turn the scales against the central authority.

Indian Troubles.

We are beginning to understand why Lord Irwin's acceptance of the invitation to return to England on a short official-business holiday was made conditional upon the political situation in India. The happenings in that vast country in the past few days suggest, too strongly for official liking, that the undercurrents of unrest are stronger to-day than for many years past, and the axiom, "troubles never come singly," also seems very applicable. The warlike tribes on the North-West Frontier and on the Afghanistan border are presenting the Government of India with two extremely delicate problems, but it is now evident that their deeper concern lies with the agitation against British rule in the principal cities. From the outside point of view, matters have been brought to a head by the dastardly outrage in the Legislative Assembly at New Delhi. Two bombs were thrown, fortunately without really serious results, and with them a most remarkable pamphlet emanating from a so-called Hindu Socialist Republican Association, justifying the murderous attempt by language which, we imagine, could have been chosen in Moscow only. With the two men directly responsible for the bomb-throwing the Indian police are not seriously concerned. The attack in such circumstances was stupid bravado for they must have known the impossibility of escape. At the same time, it must be regarded as fanaticism of the most dangerous kind, and it is essential that the leaders in the movement, the men who made use of such mentalities for their evil purposes, should be apprehended. The affair reveals that there is a section of the community badly bitten with the Moscow bug, and that however much the Government pushes the Public Safety Bill, it cannot come into force before its time. Unfortunately there is little hope that the lesson of Communism brought home to the opponents of the Bill in the Assembly will induce a change of front; stricter supervision of visitors is to be exercised in future.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MOST ELEVATED STATION IN LIFE AFFORDS NO EXEMPTION FROM THOSE AGITATIONS AND DISQUIETITUDES WHICH CAN ONLY BE LAID TO REST UPON THE BOSOM OF A FRIEND.—Robert Hall.

The only case of notifiable disease reported yesterday was one of small-pox; the sufferer being a Chinese.

The annual meeting of the Navy League is advertised for Friday, April 19, at 5.30 p.m., to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

A Chinese named You Li-mui was this morning remanded at the Central Police Station for being in possession of a forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and two foreign banknotes.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade received a call from No. 129, Shanghai Street shortly after 8 o'clock this morning to a chimney fire which was soon extinguished without any damage being caused.

A mafioo employed at Jardine's stables at Causeway Bay, was fatally injured last night in a fall down a flight of steps at the stables. He died shortly after admission into the Government Civil Hospital.

We have received from Mr. L. M. Whyte, Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the Navy League, a brochure issued by the League giving a diagram of the naval tonnage of the principal Powers. This shows very clearly the strength of the various Navies.

Mr. P. J. O'Brien, Inspector of the S. P. C. A., brought two unsuccessful charges against market stallholders before Mr. P. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendants were alleged to have caused avoidable cruelty to poultry by failing to provide the crates with drinking water. His Worship held that unless the prosecution could prove that the poultry needed the water and that cruelty had been caused, the cases must fail. Both defendants were discharged.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The American Mail Liner "President Madison" is due to sail from Shanghai to-day and is expected to arrive here on Friday afternoon, April 12. She will sail on the following day at 6 p.m. for Manila. The Dollar Liner President Cleveland will sail from Manila at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, on her homeward trip to Victoria and Seattle. She is due here on Monday, April 16 at 7 a.m. and will sail on Tuesday, April 16 at 1 p.m. for the above ports via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

The Dollar Round the World Liner President Wilson is due to arrive in Kobe to-morrow and will sail the following day for Shanghai. She will arrive at that port on April 15 and will sail on April 17th, arriving here on Saturday, April 20th. This steamer will continue her voyage round the World on Sunday, April 21st at 8 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Jeypore, which left Singapore at 2 p.m. on the 9th inst., is due here at 8 a.m. on the 15th.

The P. and O. s.s. Naldora, which left Shanghai at 4 p.m. on the 9th inst., is due here at 6 a.m. on the 12th.

The B.I. s.s. Takada, which left Singapore on the 8th inst., is due here on the 14th.

HONGKONG POLICE INSPECTION.

THIS AFTERNOON'S ANNUAL FUNCTION.

The annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force is taking place at the compound of the Central Police Station this afternoon, being conducted by H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.). A number of officers and men are to be decorated, these including the following:

Inspector C. P. Fallon (3rd class medal).
Divisional Inspector C. Ogg (4th class medal).
Inspector W. Shannon (4th class medal).
Acting Inspector L. P. Lane (4th class medal).
Sub-Inspector A. E. Carey (Commendation).
Sub-Inspector A. E. Elston (Commendation).
Police Sergeant L. R. Whant (Commendation).
Police Sergeant W. E. Goldsmith (Commendation).
Sub-Inspector Nand Singh (3rd class medal).

Water Police.

Class II. Engineer Tong Shiu (4th class medal).
Class II. Engineer Lo Sau (4th class medal).

Detective Constable Chan Shu Ping (Commendation).

District Watchmen.

D. W. Detective Lau Shun (3rd class D. W. Force Medal).
D. W. Detective Un Man Tsun (3rd class D. W. Force Medal).

"BOY" FROM THE KENT SENTENCED.

STOLE VARIOUS ARTICLES FROM FLAGSHIP.

A number of bluejackets from H.M.S. Kent, the China Station flagship, now in port, appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning in connection with a case in which a "boy," lately employed on the ship, was charged with theft. The offence was admitted.

It was stated that, upon his discharge from service, the "boy" annexed a quantity of hammock canvas, bedclothes, and other odds and ends, not overlooking a tin of pineapples. He was searched, as he left the ship, and the property now forming the subject of the larceny charge, was found stowed away amongst his other belongings.

His Worship sentenced defendant to three months' hard labour.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 9.	
Paris	124.225
New York	4.85 1/2
Brussels	34.05
Geneva	25.215
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	92.805
Berlin	20.475
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.555
Prague	1.14
Helsingfors	1.13
Madrid	32.575
Lisbon	1.08 1/2
Athens	3.75
Bucharest	8.17 1/2
Rio	5.27 1/2
Buenos Aires	4.71 1/2
Bombay	1/16 1/2
Shanghai	2/9
Hongkong	1/10 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

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COMMON ERRORS
IN BRIDGE
AND HOW TO
CORRECT THEM
by W.W. Wentworth

44. FAILING TO PLAY SO AS TO FORCE MASTER CARDS

North (Dummy)—
♠ Q 8 7
♥ Q 8 4
♦ 8 7 4
♣ J 8 5 6

West—
Leads ♠ 3

South (Declarer)—
♠ A K 5
♥ J 7 6
♦ A 5 3 2
♣ A K Q

The Bidding: South bids no trump and all pass.
Deciding the Play: West leads

3 of hearts. What card should be played from Dummy?

The Error: Queen of hearts is played and game is sacrificed.
The Correct Method: Dummy should play 4 of hearts and if East wins this trick with either Ace of hearts or King of hearts he will return a heart which South will cover with Jack of hearts, forcing West's highest card. The result is that Queen of hearts is established and game is made.

The Principle: Whenever holding Queen and two minor cards in Dummy, and Jack and three minor cards in the closed hand, or vice versa, avoid leading the suit; when led up to, play low unless an honour is led that you can cover, and a trick will always be made in that suit.

The Very Idea!

A Vancouver correspondent writes to a London paper concerning recent paragraphs on the question: "Do fish think?" "At a trout hatchery near here the trail from the ranger's cabin is hidden from the lake by dense scrub. Should the ranger or his wife (especially the latter) walk along the trail, the fish swarm to the surface, clamouring for food. If a stranger walks that way the fish do not breach the surface.

"To what are such abnormal powers of hearing ascribed? And what measure of reasoning enables the trout, who are mere babies, to determine with unerring accuracy the identity, among all that come and go, of the footsteps of the only two people that feed them?"

"That's a lovely ship," exclaimed the talkative visitor.

"Ah, hinney, it is," answered the fisherman showing signs of exhaustion.

"I adore big ships," she gushed. "But I am always so afraid of the water. Do big ships sink often?"

"No, hinney," answered the old salt tersely, "only once!"

Bow woman—It is not always advisable to agree with your husband.

Man at Glasgow—The two cars met at the cross-roads and the sound of the impact was demoralising.

Wife at Willemsen—My husband was quite a good husband in 1928, but he has been just the opposite since 1929 came in.

Barriester at the Thames Court—I have been told that to enter the police force one needs the character of an archangel and the education of an Oxford don.

Some juvenile definitions:—Junction—A place where two roads separate.

Mouskache—A soup strainer.

Spine—A chain of bones, your head sits on one end of it and you sit on the other.

Bachelor—An unmarried man.

Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out.

At a recent dinner, a speaker told the story of a new chaplain who was approached one night at dinner in the officers' mess by a young subaltern who—rather in bad taste—asked him before the assembled men if he would baptise two pups for him.

The mess listened in silence, eager to see of what stuff the chaplain was made, and how he would take this.

The chaplain, much to the discomfort of the young officer, said he would comply with his request if he might there and then baptise the pups.

The service was short-lived: as the subaltern lifted up the pups, the chaplain solemnly inquired, in the conventional way—"Are you the father of these pups?"

[A prison has just been sold for just over £1,000.]

For pictures and statues and objects of art
I own that I frequently yearn;
To form a collection I'd readily "part,"
Presuming I'd money to burn.

But even supposing my income were high
(A notion exceedingly odd),
You may take it as perfectly certain that I
Would not give a quid for a quod.

To-day's Ghost Story.—"It was 3 a.m. in the middle of winter, I was a probationer on night-duty in hospital. Hoping night-sister was safely out of the way, I slipped into the next ward for a few minutes' gossip with my friend on duty there. We were sitting by the fire, holding a whispered conversation when a patient sat up. Thinking she wanted something, I was getting up to go to her when she rose and slowly floated down the ward and disappeared.

"My friend had evidently seen nothing, so I said, 'Have you ever had a patient in that bed with a blue dressing jacket, long dark hair?'—describing the woman in detail. She replied, 'Yes, you are talking of Mrs. S., who died in that bed last week. You have never been in this ward before—when did you see her?' I have seen her now," I answered."

Government passengers leaving for Home per s.s. Naldora on Saturday, April 13, include the following: Dr. Isaac Newton and Miss D. P. Geon (Medical); Mrs. A. E. Wright and daughter; Mr. R. S. Bell, Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Mr. A. R. Howard and Mr. G. E. L. Johnson (P.W.D.); Mr. H. A. Angus (C.S.O.); Mrs. H. Angus, Miss C. H. Angus; Mr. W. F. Chester Wood; Mr. J. Oram; Mr. A. E. Brittain and Mr. W. L. Clarke (Police); and Mr. F. Gooding (Prison).

KOWLOON MATTERS DISCUSSED.**K.R.A. FAVOURS LAICHIKOK BATHING SCHEME.****TRAFFIC DANGERS.**

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Monday, the following members being present:—Mr. C. M. Mann (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry (Hon. Secretary) and Messrs. E. Cock, B. W. Tape, T. T. Laurensen, B. Wylie, F. J. Eastbrook, W. J. Stokes, F. W. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, H. Un, J. M. Alves, W. J. Brown, C. B. Riggs, E. C. Tregillus and W. Goldenburg.

Playgrounds.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a report from the Children's Playgrounds Sub-Committee was read.

After discussion it was decided that the lack of adequate supervision at the Chatham Road Playground be again brought to the notice of the Government.

It was further decided to request Government to provide facilities for the use of the vacant piece of ground between Salmon Street and Jordan Road as a playground for the children in that congested area.

Bathing Facilities.

A letter from a group of Kowloon residents, enclosing a scheme for the development of Lai Chi Kok beach for bathing purposes, which had previously been submitted to Government and not approved, was read and discussed.

It was decided that the scheme as presented was sound and feasible, and that the Association should ascertain if possible the Government's reasons for disapproval.

Signal Hill.

A letter from the Association to the Director of Public Works, pointing out the dangerous condition of the rocks on Signal Hill and requesting that steps be taken to obviate the danger, was read and approved.

It was stated the rocks in question had been inspected by nine members of the Committee at different times and it is apparent that unless something is done the first heavy rains may cause a subsidence with fatal results.

Castle Peak Road.

A similar position with regard to rocks overhanging Castle Peak Road was also discussed.

A letter from the Association to the Government pointing out this danger, and suggesting that these rocks be used in the work of raising the road bed now in progress, instead of rock taken from sites well off the road, was read and approved.

Traffic.

The fact that the "control" in Chatham Road opposite the Children's Playground was not being observed by motor vehicles was brought to the notice of the meeting, and it was decided to request the police to take the necessary action in the matter.

It was also decided to request that "School" signals be erected in Austin Road in the vicinity of Kowloon Junior School.

Other correspondence having been dealt with, the meeting closed at 7 p.m.

New Members.

The following new members have joined the Association:—Messrs. A. E. Silstone, D. J. Evans, A. A. R. Botelho, A. C. Jeffreys, D. W. Munton, G. E. P. Thompson, A. Annetts, J. M. da Rocha, W. S. Luke, W. C. John, R. T. Nelson and T. B. Wilson.

Members are reminded that their subscriptions for 1929 are now due, and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Tester and Abraham, Exchange Building, Hongkong.

NEW NIGHT AIR SERVICE.**CONNECTING LONDON AND THE CONTINENT.**

The first regular night air service connecting Britain and the Continent was successfully inaugurated when a machine left the Le Bourget aerodrome at about a quarter past one this morning and reached Croydon about four o'clock, carrying a ton of goods.—*British Wireless.*

FAILED TO NOTIFY SMALL-POX.**CHINESE THOUGHT IT MERE SKIN DISEASE.****FIFTY DOLLAR FINE.**

On a charge of failing to notify the authorities of the outbreak of two cases of small-pox at his house, a Chinese occupant of No. 12, Tai Nam Street, was fined \$50 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant pleaded that he only returned to his house on an average twice a month and was not aware that his wife and child were suffering from small-pox.

Evidence of discovery of the cases was given, and Sanitary Inspector Sinton told his Worship that the other occupants on the floor had stated that the defendant returned to the house every evening. The cases, continued the witness, were obviously outbreaks of small-pox.

It was also given in evidence that the child was on the way to recovery. Ten days before the

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[This is the photograph which appeared in the *Telegraph* Art Supplement last Saturday.]

visit was made by the authorities, the child was in an advanced condition.

The defendant stated that he did not know his wife and child were suffering from small-pox. He thought it was some ordinary skin disease. He did not call in a doctor, as he had no money.

His Worship registered a conviction on the evidence given and imposed a fine of \$50.

SALESMAN SENT TO PRISON.**THREE-MONTH SENTENCE FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.****TWICE GUILTY.**

In detailing a charge of embezzlement against Pong King-pang, travelling salesman of the Cheung Hing Leung firm of No. 5, Lai On Lane, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning, the prosecuting police officer stated that Pong, in the middle of last month, was sent up-country to do business for his firm.

From Shekhi, he wrote a letter to his employers stating that he had collected \$290, but had lost the money, by what precise means he refrained from revealing. Again, on arrival in Macao, he wrote to the firm making a promise of refunding the money. He was instructed to return to Hongkong.

In an endeavour to readjust the matter, the Inspector at the No. 7 Police Station was appealed to, both parties laying their case before that official on the 21st of last month. There Pong renewed his promise to reimburse the firm in the full amount, and the matter was composed for the time being.

However, Pong went to Macao a few days afterwards, when it was found that, prior to his departure, he had collected a further \$40 of the firm's monies, without the knowledge or consent of the firm.

That being the last straw, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the delinquent salesman, and he was brought back to Hongkong and prosecuted in respect of that latter sum.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

FAMOUS FINANCIER DIPLOMAT.**GENERAL DAWES APPOINTED TO LONDON.**

Washington, Apr. 9. Subject to the approval of the British Government, General Charles Dawes, the originator and author of the famous reparations plan, has been appointed U. S. Ambassador in London.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PORT OF LONDON PROGRESS.**ENORMOUS TRADE GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS.****DOCK FACILITIES.**

London, Apr. 9. Statistics issued by the Port of London Authority show that the trade of the port has grown enormously in recent years.

In 1909, the value of foreign imports and exports was £20,000,000 while in 1927 it was £708,000,000.

Passenger traffic has also increased considerably. About

NEW AMBASSADOR.

General Charles Dawes, who is to be the new United States Ambassador to Britain.

250,000 seagoing passengers now arrive and depart in a year, which is one-third more than the number of a few years ago.

The combined water area of the King George V Dock, the Royal Albert Dock, and the Royal Victoria Dock, which is one huge dock divided into three sections, is 245 acres, and is the largest sheet of dock water in the world.—*British Wireless.*

WANTED TOO MUCH WATER.**CHINESE FINED FOR ASSAULT ON CONSTABLE.**

A Chinese was brought before Major C. Willson this morning on a charge of disobeying the regulation to the effect that no-one should draw more than three buckets of water at a time from the public standpipes.

It was stated that defendant had five buckets, and, when cautioned by an Indian constable, he struck the latter on the shoulder with a bamboo pole.

The magistrate inflicted a fine of \$25, or three weeks' imprisonment.

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone has developed over North China and a depression covers North Japan. The southern depression has apparently filled up. Moderate morrow may be expected along the Coast and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, drizzle or mist.



"I guess you want me to chuck my job and be a waiter just so I'll always be dressed up."

PROMISSORY NOTE CLAIM.**NO PROFITS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEETS.****KEEN QUESTIONING.**

Further evidence relating to an item in a book which defendant said he was unable to explain, was given in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) when the promissory note case was resumed. Lam Ting-on, of the King On Tong firm is suing the Ma Pak Leung firm of Hongkong for \$4,698 alleged to be due under a promissory note, but the defendant alleges it is a debt incurred by the Ma Pak Leung firm of Fatsan and Canton, which is separate from the Hongkong firm.

Yesterday Mr. F. C. Jenkin, counsel for plaintiff, referred to an item in the book relating to a payment of \$1,068 as interest to the plaintiff but Ma Chung-yu, defendant, denied it was paid as interest and said the entry had been made in his absence by his manager.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., together with Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., is defending.

Mr. Pak-shiu stated that he had been the manager of the defendant firm for 18 years and had been employed by the firm since its inception. The partners were Ma Sau-fung and Ma Chung-yu.

Mr. Alabaster:—It is said by the plaintiff that the Ma Pak Leung of Hongkong is a branch of the Ma Pak Leung of Fatsan. Is that so?—It is not. Hongkong is independent of Fatsan.

Does the Fatsan firm send Fatsan balance sheets to Hongkong every year?—No.

Does the Hongkong firm send their Hongkong balance sheets to Fatsan?—No.

Manager's Explanation.

Witness was then referred to an entry in the defendant firm's own book to the effect that the sum of \$1,068 had been paid by the defendant firm to the Fook Kee firm for them to pay to Lam Ting-on as interest.

Explaining this entry, witness said that between June 11 and 12, 1922, he received a letter from the Fook Kee stating that if the Chai Ying Company presented a letter from the Fook Kee requesting the Ma Pak Leung to pay the money over to the Chai Ying Company for Lam Ting-on they were to do so. The letter, said witness had been mislaid.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that he had looked for the letter but had failed to find it.

Mr. Jenkin stated that if the letter could not be admitted, and it was not referred to in the declaration of documents, then witness's evidence could not be admitted. The entry, he continued, had always been a matter of very great importance, and it must have been known to the other side.

Mr. Alabaster replied that the witness was the man who had made the entry and he was giving an explanation of it, as Ma Chung-yu could not explain.

Putting the question in another way, Mr. Alabaster asked "In consequence of a letter what happened?—A letter was delivered to me and I paid the amount."

Witness explained that the letter was a "Sort of demand draft."

Mr. Jenkin pointed out there had been no reference to that before.

(Continued on Next Column.)

KOWLOON MOTOR THEFTS.**CHINESE SENT TO GAOL FOR FOUR MONTHS.****P.W.D. OFFICIAL'S LOSS.**

The arrest of a man who has been stealing articles from motor cars parked at the Star Ferry Wharf was effected yesterday by a Chinese detective, with the result that the man was brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant was charged with larceny of an electric torch which had been stolen from the motor car of Mr. H. S. Rouse, of the Public Works Department. There was a further charge of being in unlawful possession of a pair of spectacles and a leather case.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge and admitted, in answer to the second, that he had stolen the spectacles from another car.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys, who prosecuted, intimated that the defendant was found in Mr. Rouse's car by a detective. The police asked for a heavy penalty in view of the prevalence of these petty thefts from motor cars.

On the first charge, sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed, with a further month on the second charge.

For failing to remove an illegal partition under the cockpit of No. 303, Laichikok Road, the principal tenant was fined \$10 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. T. W. Carr, who prosecuted, stated that the defendant had been given three reminders after the service of the first notice.

His Lordship remarked he did not think Mr. Alabaster was entitled to have the character of the letter described.

Document Sent Back.

Witness then said that a messenger, whom he did not know, arrived with the letter and witness paid the amount. The messenger chopped a receipt with the chop of the Chai Ying firm.

Asked by his Lordship if he had that document, witness replied in the negative, saying that he had sent it back to the Fook Kee at Canton in order to get reimbursement for the amount. The Fook Kee, he said, was a banking business.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that he had full authority during the absence of Ma Chung-yu, who was frequently away from the Colony. Witness was quite familiar with the liabilities of the firm.

There was, he said, no book in existence which would show the accumulated profits of the business. To get that figure he would have to make calculations from cash books from the beginning of the business. There were the ledger, entries of profits for the year but not for six months. The ledger was the only book in which those entries occurred.

No Profits Shown.

Witness agreed with Mr. Jenkin that profits would be shown in a balance sheet. A book was handed to witness, which contained balance sheets for a number of years, and he was asked to point to a figure on one of them which showed the profit for the period.

To this witness replied that the balance sheet was in the handwriting of his predecessor. He further stated that none of the balance sheets contained in the book were in his own handwriting.

Mr. Jenkin asked witness to point to any item of the balance sheets which declared a profit for any period.

Witness spent several minutes in looking through the book, the silence being interrupted by Mr. Jenkin asking "Can we take it that there are none?"

Witness replied "I must work it out," and when Mr. Jenkin again suggested there was no such entry witness agreed.

Hidden Co-Partner?

Further questioned witness said it was an omission on the part of a clerk that the profit was not shown in the balance sheet.

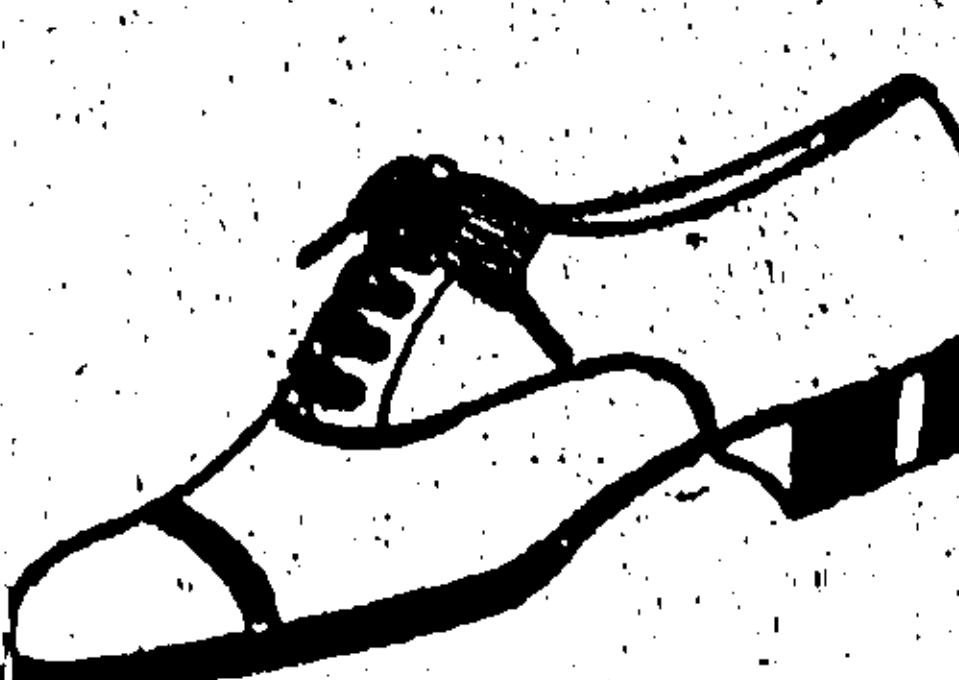
He was also questioned on the wording of the accounts with regard to payments by partners, Mr. Jenkin suggesting that only in family partnerships were the partners described as first, second or third son. Witness said he had never seen partnerships described this way unless the partners were related but he had seen few partnership documents of any kind.

Mr. Jenkin: On that language the only fair reading is that those two men are related to someone who is interested as co-partner in the business?—That is not so.

After brief re-examination by Mr. Alabaster, His Lordship adjourned the case until Thursday morning when counsel will address the Chief Justice.

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As on the opening night the play was splendidly interpreted, all the characters being very capably handled. Not only does the entertaining nature of the play give

much pleasure, but the characterization is all that could be desired. Without a doubt, "The Dover Road" must be classed as one of the big successes ever staged by the A.D.C., and those who fail to witness one of the remaining performances will be missing a big treat.

There are now only three more performances to come, these being tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. Seats should be booked without delay. Above all, let it be remembered that 50 per cent. of the profits of the season are to go to the British Miners' Fund.

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M. W. LO BEATS E. C. FINCHER
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REMARKABLE MATCH.

Mr. M. W. Lo won his way into the final of the Open Singles yesterday in a match remarkable more for its bad play than its good. He beat E. C. Fincher by three sets to one after a terrific struggle, and it may with safety be said that Fincher defeated himself.

Expert opinion before the match was that Lo might easily be good enough to dun out in straight sets, but in the event of his failure to win in this manner, Fincher's stamina should make all the difference over a longer course.

At one time it seemed that things would work out this way, but after capturing the third set, Fincher gave a most erratic exhibition, and was defeated in the fourth set which went to 16 games. M. W. Lo is to be heartily congratulated on his success. He fought back heroically in the final stages when apparently exhausted, and pulled the set out of the fire after being 6-5 down.

Fincher has seldom given a more mixed display. Some of his strokes were brilliant, and some of them amazingly weak. He seemed to be bringing off good things from difficult balls, and failing at the simplest. He was very weak on the backhand, usually one of his strong points. He had two favourite strokes in this match, a delightful skimming cross-court drive, and a gentle backhand put into the net. During a bad patch, he served three double faults in one game.

Lo started in great form, showing all round excellence at all phases. His only mistakes were in generalship. He should have forced the game in the third set instead of waiting for Fincher to make mistakes, while he tried, almost invariably with fatal results to himself, to pass Fincher at the net, when lobbing was called for.

Fincher was outplayed in the first set in which he took only 2 games, but he showed considerable improvement in the second. Lo went from 3-1 to 4-2, and in a great fight for the seventh, Fincher pulled it off by clever placing after deuce had six times been called. When he drew up to 4-4, his chances were good, but Lo took the next to love, and won the set at 6-4.

Without being consistently good, Fincher won the third set comfortably. He played an aggressive game and Lo frequently played into his hands. Fincher led 3-1 and 3-2 and won at 6-2.

The fourth set provided a tense struggle. Fincher won the first game and then led 2-1, but Lo made a big effort and seemed to have the match in hand when he went to 4-2. Fincher showed some brighter form, and took the lead at 6-5 for the second time. He appeared to have the lead at 6-5 for the second time. He appeared to have the lead at 6-5 for the second time. He appeared to have the lead at 6-5 for the second time.

It was Fincher's last effort, however, Lo taking the next two games.

The Results.

The following are the results of yesterday's games:

Open Singles Championship: M. W. Lo beat E. C. Fincher 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 9-7.

Club Championship: G. W. Sewell beat S. E. Green 8-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-2.

To-day's Match.

The only match down for to-day is a handicap doubles between Sewell and Grove and Armstrong and Lawrie.

FOOTBALL MATCH.

KOWLOON COLLEGE TO MEET
EUROPEAN TEAM.

The following will represent Kowloon College in a friendly football match against a Hongkong European team, at King's Park to-day, kick-off at 4.15 p.m. sharp.—T. S. Li, K. P. Yee, K. F. Leung, T. Lam, W. L. Wong, S. S. Lok, K. K. Ho, M. K. Lo (Capt.), Y. S. Pun, P. Y. Yeung, C. E. Li. Reserves: K. W. Fan, C. T. Chi.

CANTON ROWING CLUB.

FORTHCOMING REGATTA IN
HONGKONG.

Training is in full swing amongst the various crews of the Canton Rowing Club for the forthcoming Regatta against the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club in Hongkong on Saturday week, 20th April. The Canton Rowing Club has entered crews for the Senior and Junior Pairs and for the Senior Pairs. There will also be an event for scratch fours, for which Canton are entering.

Canton is suffering from the usual difficulties, numerous transfers having seriously depleted the active rowing members and necessitated trying new blood in the crews.

The Senior Four appears to be good and it is hoped that they will be able to retain the title won by their predecessors at the recent Regatta held in Canton, when they defeated the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Senior Four. In this crew the changes have been slight and do not seem to have effected the quality of the rowing, which is still remarkable for its very fast stroking.

With regard to the Senior Pairs, Canton should have a better chance than on the last occasion.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club have kindly agreed that the crew for the Senior Pair event shall be chosen from the crew rowing in the Senior Four. Owing to the small active membership of the Canton Rowing Club they are unable to get together both a Senior Pair and a Senior Four, and on the last occasion Canton lost this event when two of their Senior Four rowed against a perfectly fresh Hongkong pair. The fact that both pairs will this time come out from the Senior Fours should make a much more exciting event, though even on the last occasion this race was very closely contested.

Considerable changes have been made in the Junior Four and, though there is still considerable room for improvement, it is expected that they will give their opponents a keen race. It will be remembered that on the last occasion the Hongkong Junior Four won the Telegraph Challenge Cup for Hongkong with ease.

One very serious factor which will count heavily against Canton, especially if the weather is at all rough, is that their oarsmen have never rowed in Hongkong water. The Canton boats are somewhat lighter than the Hongkong craft and though this may be an advantage in perfectly calm river water, it is apt to be a serious disadvantage if the sea should be the slightest degree choppy.

The Canton crews are looking forward to the forthcoming Regatta, which is all the talk amongst the members at present.

—Our Own Correspondent.

IMPORTANT BASEBALL TRANSFER.

WANER TO PLAY FOR
PITTSBURGH PIRATES.

Fore Worth, Tex., Apr. 4. Paul Waner, widely known professional baseball player, has signed to play with the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League for another season. The salary he will receive has not been disclosed but is reported to be one of the highest in the history of organized baseball.—United Press.



Pity the poor chitrapactor. He never gets anything but back pay.

FINE TRIBUTE TO DR. HARSTON.

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But as this Hospital is essentially run for and on behalf of the "Kai Fong" of this Colony, my colleagues and I feel that we cannot allow Dr. Harston to leave without giving him some token of the gratitude, not only of the Hospital Authorities, but also of all those whom he so faithfully and efficiently served, and for such a long period. It was therefore suggested that a subscription should be raised from amongst the present and past Directors of the Hospital, the Directors of the Po Leung Kuk and Dr. Harston's personal friends. I am happy to say that this suggestion met with the spontaneous response it deserves.

A Happy Inspiration.

Before I conclude I would like to acknowledge my personal indebtedness to Sir Robert Ho Tung and Dr. G. H. Thomas in regard to this matter. It was Sir Robert who, was good enough to remind me of Dr. Harston's valuable services to the Hospital, and to-day's pleasing ceremony is the result of Sir Robert's happy inspiration. Dr. Thomas not only made a substantial contribution to the subscription, but also took up the suggestion with great personal enthusiasm, and supplied me with the technical data of my observations.

I am sure I can speak on behalf of the whole Colony when I say that we wish Dr. Harston an early complete restoration to health, for the sake, not only of himself, but of all eye sufferers, and we hope that Dr. and Mrs. Harston will have very many years of happiness and prosperity in the Old Country.

I now have the honour to hand over to Dr. Harston a draft, together with a list of all his friends, who have subscribed to the same.

Dr. Harston's Reply.

Dr. Harston said, in reply, that the Chairman's remarks had been most gratifying, especially his technical remarks, and it was great pleasure to him to know that, although he was leaving the Colony, the great work would continue. Some years ago, five students from the Hospital were sent to London and the examiners there reported exceedingly favourably on them and were impressed by the fact that they possessed more knowledge of ophthalmology than students from the London colleges. Each of the five Chinese students gained the degree of D.O.M.S., which was the equivalent of the degree which he himself took in 1905, but the present-day examination, he added, was a much stiffer problem. It was good to know that he had left these men to carry on the work. It was not only necessary to relieve the sufferings of the poor, but also to train Chinese to care for their own people. It was a difficult task, for the subject was a hard one indeed and required very special study.

The Subscribers.

Following is the list of subscribers, most of whom were present at this morning's function:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Messrs. Li Yau-chuen, Chan Tin-sun, Mak Sui-cho, Li Sheung-ming, Ho Kwong, Tse Ka-po, Ko Leong-ho, Fung Ping-shun, Tang Shu-kin, Ho Kom-tong, T. N. Chau, Wong Ping-suen, Li Yick-mui, Ma Chui-chiu, Tam Woon-tong, Li Po-kwal, Ma Chi-tung, Lo Cheung-shu, Li Ma Chai-tung, To Chak-man, Fung Ho-tung, Li Yu-cheung, Lau Shing-chong, So Shau-nam, Chan Fung-ling, Ng Yu-cham, Chan Yick-tin, Ng Yu-tung, To Sze-tuen, Chu Pik-tung, San Shing-sam, Li Kit-cho, Ho Chi-sang, Shau Pok-hing, Li Chi-cheung, Wong Kwai-ching, Li Chak-man, Lui Wai-chau, Chan Man-chung Tong Shun, Yang Tse-ming, Au Koon-yu, Wong Tak-king, Ip Lan-chuen, Ng Wah, Lo Yin-nin, Chan Shu-ming, Chan Yee-wan, Yu Shu-wing, Wong Oi-hat, Shum Chung-hing, M. K. Lo, Ho Yee-cheong, Leung Yau-sang, Leung Yuk-ki, U Cheuk-sang, Lo Chuk-chai, Chan Chi-hang, Ma Si-chuen, Ma Wai-neon, Ho Ki, Mok Tat-huen, Kwok Sheung-ngo, Lam Kau-mow, Chan Ping, Kwok Lam-shong, Kwan Wan-pak and Lo Yin-nin.

The loss by theft of jewellery and money to the value of about \$3,000 has been reported to the police by Mok Kwai-hing, a Chinese woman living on the first floor of No. 48, Queen's Road Central. The property and money were kept in a chest-of-drawers. A mut-tea who has been missing since the robbery, is suspected.

WASHINGTON SOCIAL PROBLEM.



A recent photograph of Vice President Charles Curtis, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Everett Gann. A social squabble has arisen in Washington regarding a question of precedence, the Ganns objecting to the places allotted to them at formal functions.

THE KUOMINCHUN RETREATING?

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has been allayed by Chang Wang-king's declaration of Feng's loyalty. It is understood that the Kuominchun troops will not advance further, and will withdraw immediately from Kwangshui and Laohokow, when requested by the Central Government.—Reuter.

Still Moving South.

Peiping, Apr. 9. According to Chinese and foreign reports the Kuominchun troops under Han Fu-chu have reached Shikou on the Kinhan and are still moving south.—Reuter.

Generals Change Over.

Shanghai, Apr. 9. A communique from Hankow states that the Government troops have pursued and broken up the remnants of the rebels as far as Sientaochen in western Hupeh. Reports from Nanking state that the rebel leaders Hu Tsung-tu and Tao Chun have turned over to Chiang Kai-shek, expressing their willingness to comply with the orders of the Central Government, and stating that they are awaiting the reorganisation of their troops. Yeh Chi is reported to have fled secretly to Hunan.—Reuter.

Rewards Distributed.

Hankow, Apr. 9. Li Ming-shui, whose going over to Nanking was largely responsible for the collapse of Wuhan, has been appointed commander of the Fifteenth Division of Nationalist troops.

It is stated that the Hupeh Clarification Commission has been earmarked for Hsia/Tao-yin; while various minor appointments are being made to other Generals who participated in the expedition against Wuhan. Reports from the interior of Hupeh state that the retreating Kwangsi troops are ravaging the countryside. Meantime Chiang Kai-shek has again telegraphed to Hu Tsung-tu and Tao Chun, the former reported to be at Shasi and the latter at Sientaochen, urging them to submit to the Central Government and assuring them that no harm will befall them.—Reuter.

Miping Defence.

Chefoo, Apr. 9. It is reported that General Liu is securely entrenched about one mile outside Miping, and that Marshal Chang has made several attacks but has been repulsed with severe casualties. Chefoo is quiet.—Naval Wire-lers.

Szechuan Involved.

Shanghai, Apr. 9. Trouble is anticipated in Szechuan Province according to reports from General Liu Wan-hui. His telegrams declare that a large number of the Hankow troops under Kwangsi direction, have arrived on the Hupeh-Szechuan borders. Negotiations between the Kwangsi leaders and the rebel Yang Sen, have proved successful and it is anticipated that the joint army will make an attack on Chungking and later on Chengtu, the capital of Szechuan.

All communications between Chungking and Chengtu have been severed and it is reliably learned that the troops of Yang Sen are "squeezing" large sums of money from the Shunling, Kwangan, and Yochi districts in northern Szechuan.

STOLEN PIGEONS.

BIRDS FROM KOWLOON
TONG HOUSE.

Investigations following the arrest of two men who were convicted yesterday of larceny of five chickens from Mr. P. M. Pinquet's residence in Kowloon Tong, led to the arrest of a third man who was found in possession of two pigeons which had been stolen from Mr. P. J. O'Brien's residence in Kowloon Tong.

Inspector Stimson prosecuted the man before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of unlawful possession of the pigeons, and informed the Court that the count was preferred against the defendant before it was discovered that the pigeons belonged to Mr. O'Brien. Inspector Stimson asked leave to amend the charge.

His Worship remarked that it would be better to leave it as it was.

The defendant pleaded guilty, remarking that the pigeons were given to him by two men who had stolen them. On two previous convictions for larceny being produced, sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

MEXICAN GOVERN- MENT SUCCESS.

REBEL HEADQUARTERS
OCCUPIED.

New York, Apr. 9. Mexican Government forces have occupied the rebel headquarters at Jaurez.—Reuter's American Service.



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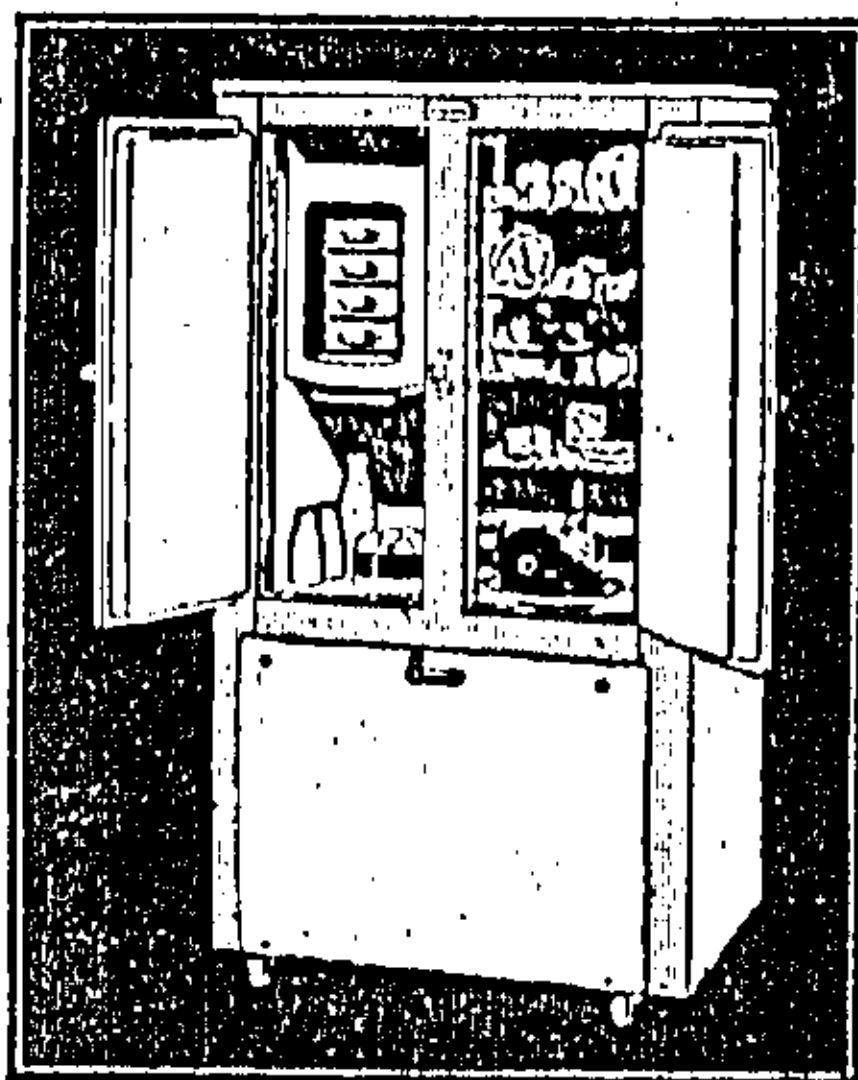


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SHANGHAI STREET CHASE.

MESSENGER MURDERED BY ARMED ROBBER.

An attempted armed robbery which began between 11.20 and 11.30 a.m., last Thursday, in the Central district, Shanghai, in which a loyal bank messenger was shot dead, ended spectacularly at the intersection of Kiukang, and Kiangso Roads about 10 minutes later, when two Chinese constables, with the assistance of Det.-Insp. Schmidt, overtook the robber, wounded him and recovered \$7,000 which he had taken from the bank messenger.

A large number of foreigners along the line of chase witnessed part of the incident, among them being Dean Trivett, Lieut. Denton, the latter being nearly shot, and several foreign ladies and children.

Of the actual robbery which, it appears, was committed by one armed man at the junction of Szechuen Road and Ningpo Road, little is known, several foreign children, two of them sons of a superintendent and a chief detective inspector, being the only ones who had made a report of the murder.

The youths had been inspecting stamps in a shop window, when one of them, called the attention of the other to what was happening. They said that they saw a man point his pistol at the native bank employee and attempt to wrest a blue cloth bag from him. The latter resisted and struggled to force his assailant to loosen his grasp on the bag, whereupon the robber, who had pointed his pistol at the other's stomach fired once, the bullet penetrating his body. A second shot seems to have gone astray.

Probable Death from Shock.

The bank messenger, who had been employed by the Young Yui Bank, 56 Ningpo Road, for a number of years, and who, after being sent to the Bank of China for \$7,000, was returning to his employers with this amount. The robber confronted him at the intersection and shot him. On arrival at the Leater Hospital, physicians certified that he was dead, probably from shock, inasmuch as the bullet wound in the abdomen could not have caused instantaneous death.

After the two shots the robber, holding the cloth bag, ran toward Nanking Road. Near Jinkeo Road, he turned and fired two shots in a northerly direction, one of which nearly struck a foreign lady pedestrian. A foreign gentleman saw him insert the pistol in the sleeve of his gown as he ran, again towards Nanking Road.

The police constable who had been on point duty at the spot, gave chase, but he dared not fire because of the large crowd of pedestrians and vehicular traffic, the green light on Nanking Road having freed north and south traffic.

As the robber neared Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., he went to the west side of the road and made as if to enter the alleyway leading to Kiangso Road. Before entering, however, he drew his pistol, and according to foreign witnesses, fired once into the air to intimidate those near at hand.

A Helpful Blacksmith.

A Chinese blacksmith who had witnessed a part of the performance, in the meanwhile, had hurried to the main thoroughfare and informed a C.P.C. who was on traffic duty there. The constable went along Nanking Road, and had the robber pointed out to him. The miscreant had engaged a public ricksha, and had driven off westerly.

The police, having been reinforced, were hot in pursuit of the ricksha which drew off toward the south.

On arriving at Kiukang Road, the ricksha was overtaken by two constables, who had been withholding their fire, although they ran with drawn pistols. One of them approached from the left side, the other from the right, each grasping a wrist. The robber had again taken his pistol from the sleeve, and as the police seized him he fired several shots at random.

Det.-Insp. Schmidt, attached to Hongkong station, was going along Kiukang Road, when he noticed the disturbance. He joined in the chase and managed to close one hand over the automatic which the robber still held, the officer's fingers separating round the barrel to obtain the only grasp possible. As he held the weapon, the robber pulled the trigger again. It is believed that this discharge struck the constable, who had given chase from Szechuen Road in the finger, causing a slight flesh wound.

While grappling with the robber the police had not been inactive, and as the man's pistol was discharged, one of the constables fired four times. Two of his bullets struck the robber in the legs, and took most of the fight out of him. He was bundled to Central police station, together with the bag of money with which he had not parted.

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JUDGE CRITICISES DIVORCE LAW.

"FULL OF INCONSISTENCIES."

"The law which this Court has to administer is full of inconsistencies, and is often very difficult to reconcile with common sense."

This statement was made by Mr. Justice Hill, in the Divorce Court when he considered a wife's attempt to obtain security for future payments of alimony following a separation.

The wife had obtained a decree of judicial separation owing to her husband's cruelty, and had been awarded alimony for herself and four children at the rate of £950 a year.

She had experienced difficulty in obtaining the monthly payments, and she now asked for the appointment of a receiver of sufficient of her husband's securities from which the payments of alimony could be paid as they became due.

Mr. Justice Hill said that, had the wife obtained a decree of divorce or a decree for restitution of conjugal rights, followed by

disobedience, the Court would have had power to order that the payments should be wholly or partly secured.

Parliament, however, had made no similar provision in cases of judicial separation, but had left the matter to be governed by the law which prevailed in the Ecclesiastical Courts.

"Why such provision has not been made I cannot say," he continued. "I can explain it historically, but I am wholly unable to explain it logically."

He dismissed the application, but granted leave to appeal.

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AMOY BANKRUPTCY.

FORGED GUARANTEES LEAD TO FIRM'S RUIN.

Mr. Frederick Brougham Marshall (of Messrs. Tait and Co., Amoy) appeared before the Registrar, Mr. A. J. Martin, in the Supreme Court, at Shanghai, for his public examination in bankruptcy. Mr. Marshall, G. McDonald, representing Mr. W. D. Russell, the trustee in bankruptcy, conducted the examination. Creditors were present, but did not put any questions.

Answering Mr. McDonald, Mr. Marshall said that he was in his 66th year. He was in the firm of Tait and Co. for 43 years and he had been a partner. He never really retired, but he practically gave up his active interest, as a working partner, in 1924, when he disposed of his Formosa business. He then came to Shanghai, which he had made his home, and he had been there ever since. He put Mr. F. R. Ford in as manager, but himself remained responsible. In 1928 he entered into negotiations with Mr. J. L. Bromfield with a view to retiring and in June a document was signed giving effect to his resignation. He actually sold the business then and had been paid for it. His name was to continue in the firm until the end of the year, but he had not had any interest in the profit or loss of the business. The fact was not advertised or communicated to any of his clients, because he thought that would not be fair to his partner in the middle of the year, but it was to be done at the end of the year.

All Interest Transferred.
At that time, said Mr. Marshall, he did not know the state of the business. He had not been in Amoy for 20 years, having been in Formosa until he came to Shanghai. The negotiations for the dissolution were carried out by correspondence. He imagined that Mr. Ford and Mr. Bromfield kept him informed regarding the position of affairs in the firm: they were supposed to. Mr. Ford at that time had left the firm, Mr. Bromfield taking his place. Mr. Bromfield sent him monthly accounts. The arrangement simply was that witness transferred all his interest in the business, the property and the goodwill for the sum of Amoy \$110,000, of which \$70,000 was to be paid in cash on June 30, 1928, and the balance over a period of five years, in quarterly payments.

Mr. Marshall said that, at that time, he thought the business was absolutely sound financially, as judged by the monthly accounts sent to him. They owed banks inside \$8,000 and against that there was a certain amount of stock. A profit and loss account was made up each year, but it was not audited, as that was not a rule necessary in a private firm. Had he thought it necessary, he would not have taken a manager in as partner without an auditor. His association with Mr. Bromfield had been very short and witness knew very little about him. The latter came to the firm in 1924 from the Texas Oil Co. They were agents for the Texas Oil Co. and the arrangement suited the firm. Mr. Bromfield was engaged by Mr. Ford, but witness was satisfied with the manner in which he managed the firm. Witness had a little trouble with Mr. Ford, and Mr. Bromfield cleared it up and good reports also came from others about him. He seemed to be energetic and a good man.

Customers' Fraudulent Guarantees.
The statement of affairs showed an estimated deficit of \$404,000, which witness believed to be correct. The estimated assets were \$78,590. The failure was not due to any act or omission on witness's part.

Mr. McDonald—What was it due to?
Mr. Marshall—That is rather hard to say, but I think it was largely due to Mr. Bromfield having kept me in ignorance of what was going on. Had I known what was going on, there would have been no failure. He had no authority from me to go into business in the big way he did, and, having done so, he did not take the necessary precautions to protect himself. The failure of Tait and Co. was owing to them being unable to take up drafts drawn on them by constituents in other places through different banks against certain cargoes which Tait and Co. had ordered on native account. On the arrival of those cargoes, Tait and Co. arranged with the banks to give delivery of the cargoes against documents which were subsequently found to be fraudulent forgeries. The owners of the cargoes got delivery of them, realized for them what they would fetch and absconded with the money, leaving Tait and Co. to pay the drafts. I consider Mr. Bromfield's error was in not satisfying himself that these documents were genuine and of value when he was dealing with the big sums he was. I knew nothing about it at all. They ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars in justification to Mr. Bromfield, I must say that he looked on it in the same light that I did—that that document put me out of the firm.

Previous Precautions.
Witness said that he previously had an arrangement that the firm should not have an overdraft of more than \$20,000 and a later one putting the figure at \$40,000. Immediately prior to June, 1927, his average yearly expenditure was about \$20,000 and his income about \$12,000; he was drawing on his capital. He now had no property. He had surrendered all his assets to the trustee and he was living on what his friends advanced him. He received a little for judging at dog races and a little commission from the Race Club for assisting in the pari-mutuels, but these receipts were small and uncertain. He hoped by commissions, to get \$500 or \$600 a month. He had no position now. The amounts owing were prac-

MOTOR CYCLIST FINED.

EUROPEAN GUILTY OF NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

Mr. G. R. Payne, of No. 6, East Point Terrace, was summoned before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, for negligent driving and for failing to produce his licence when called upon to do so by a traffic policeman.

Defendant admitted that he did not have his licence with him at the time, but denied that he drove his motor-cycle negligently.

Traffic Sergeant Brown, at whose instance the summons was taken, said that the offence occurred on March 16, at 130 in the afternoon.

He was proceeding towards the city along Queen's Road East, when, near the Dockyard, he saw defendant approach from the opposite direction, on his motor-cycle. Payne was driving at a speed of 30 miles an hour, but neither slackened his speed nor sounded his horn when taking the turning into Arsenal Street.

Witness said that he put out his hand as a signal for Payne to stop, and when this did not have the desired result, he followed Payne into Arsenal Street, and along the stretch of the new road across the Pray East Reclamation. Eventually Payne was stopped and informed that he would be summoned.

Cross-examined by the defendant, witness said Payne was on the right centre of the roadway, that being the position he kept before and after passing another motor cycle on the road.

Defendant challenged witness' estimate of his speed, to which witness replied, stating that he checked up the time and speed with his own speedometer.

His Worship found the two offences proved. For negligent driving, defendant was fined \$20, and for failing to produce his li-

cence, he was further fined \$4. Defendant: Thank you, your Worship.

Deposit of Licence.
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MOTOR MISHAPS.

CAR DASHES INTO A SHOP FRONT.

A somewhat unusual motor accident occurred yesterday afternoon in Des Voeux Road West, when a private vehicle, No. 2402, driven by a Chinese, swerved and dashed into the entrance of a rice shop, injuring a Chinese pedestrian.

About one o'clock, the car was passing No. 229, which is the Hang Cheung rice shop, and the driver apparently lost control. There was a mild panic among pedestrians, and a Chinese coolie, named Cheung Yam, 23, was knocked down, being injured in his left leg. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, and the injury is stated to be serious. The car was badly damaged.

It is understood that the car, which was a brand-new one, had only been taken by the owner from the show-room a few hours previously, and was being tried out when the accident occurred.

Other Mishaps.

A motor-car accident which resulted in a flesh-puller being sent to hospital with rather serious injuries occurred in the City yesterday, at a busy hour of the morning.

A report to the Police states that Mr. A. Des Voeux was riding in his ricksha at 11 a.m. when a private car, No. 2375, drove up from behind and knocked down a coolie who was pushing the ricksha along on the right side. The accident occurred in Des Voeux Road Central near the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Des Voeux was proceeding towards Pedder Street at the time. The coolie was apparently injured in both legs.

In turning into Garden Road from Queen's Road yesterday afternoon, a public car knocked down a young Chinese. The victim was slightly injured and refused to be conveyed to hospital.

DEPARTED YESTERDAY

PASSENGERS ON THE PRES. LINCOLN.

Passengers leaving yesterday on the President Lincoln included Mr. J. C. Swayne, attached to the Sarawak Civil Service in Sarawak, Borneo, returning home to Europe via the United States; Capt. R. S. Culp, attached to the United States Navy, returning home with family to the United States; Mr. Robert W. Karpinsky, a mining geologist, returning to the United States after a visit to Indo-China; H. H. The Rajah of Sarawak, making a round trip to Japan, thence returning to Sarawak; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. W. Bean, accompanying His Highness on his trip to Japan; Mr. G. T. M. MacBryan, secretary to His Highness, travelling to Japan; Mr. Bowker, connected with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., travelling to Shanghai; Mr. H. E. Rae, connected with the Standard Oil Co., returning home to the United States on furlough; Mr. S. Monroe, attached to the local branch of the National City Bank, returning to the United States; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hirsch, prominent residents of Calcutta, India, travelling to the United States.

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Per s.s. Pres. Cleveland from Shanghai, Japan and U.S. on April 9.—Mr. Daniel H. Gray, Mr. Theodore Hubner, Mr. Frank L. Hess, Mr. William F. Carman, Dorothy P. Heinrichs, Mr. Waldo Heinrichs, Mrs. Mary Heinrichs, Margaret Peterson, Mr. Carl B. Shank, Mrs. Mildred M. Shank, Baudillo Alfo, Mr. S. C. Yin, Mr. Fung Sing Po, Mr. Wong Dick, Master Wong Fook Kung, Mrs. Wong Dick Jun, Master Wong Him Kun, Mrs. Ho Cheung Shoo, Master Ho Pao Sum, Mr. Wong Wen Yu, Mr. Wu Tsz Sack, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Fung, Mr. Y. W. Lee, Mr. R. F. Curtis, Mr. R. T. Day, Mr. S. K. Wong, Mr. S. C. Ling, Mr. K. L. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. Chow Oi Fu, Mr. and Mrs. Chow Mun Chow, Mr. Laible George, Mr. William E. Lau, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hau, Mrs. Hau, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bran, Mr. Lee Wai Tong, Mr. and Mrs. Kan Ying Po, Mrs. Kan, Miss Kan, Mr. Ho Ying Sung, Master Peter Ho, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Chung Jal, Mr. Yau Kum, Mr. C. C. Lee, Miss S. M. Fong, Mr. M. S. Wong, Mr. C. T. Sen, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Chen, Mrs. L. M. Hung, Mrs. G. M. Shen, Mrs. Ying Wah, Mr. S. Moh, Mr. Nien Pui Chen, Mr. Nien Yau, Mr. C. S. Yip, Mr. C. C. Lin, Mr. Nao Chen, Mr. Elliott Hazzard, Mr. Kun Shuen Fan, Mr. Y. L. Tong, Mr. Leon Poy Kwei, Mr. and Mrs. Hui Ling King, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Long Sam, Mr. K. Y. Chen, Mr. J. P. Lau, Mr. H. C. Yip, Mr. Chan Shew Kul, Mr. Mar Yit Tuk, Mr. and Mrs. Chu Ting Hing, Mr. T. K. Ling, Mr. H. A. Pan, Mr. C. O. Chan, Mr. C. K. Lau, Mr. Y. M. Liang, Mr. W. K. Yau, Mr. K. S. Lau, Miss Hung, Mr. J. Yavinsky, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lin, Mr. I. Choo, Mr. Li Lock Hin, Mrs. A. Eccles, Mr. E. W. Miller, Dr. Stuart Polson, Mr. N. L. Mak, Mr. Chow Kung Mow, Mr. and Mrs. Li Jen Ching, Mrs. Al Ma, Mr. Wong Lock, Miss Ah Sam, Mr. Ah Ng, Miss Ah Shee, Miss Ah Doh, Miss Ah Nui, Mrs. Chen Ai, Mr. Chung Lau, Mr. Yee Kee, Mr. Ho Yuk, Mrs. Ah Yu, Miss Ah Mei, Mr. Li Hon, Mr. H. M. Wung, Mr. Yang Chee, Ah Nee, Miss Wang Hoi, Miss Ho Chi Ping, Miss Kun Shew To, Mr. Ah Yi, Mr. Ah Chan, Mr. Wong Bun, Ah Chiao, Mr. Joseph E. Charlton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. De Vries, Miss Clara G. De Vries, Master David A. De Vries, Mr. Harry N. Grimes, Mr. George J. Jidoun, Mrs. Grace E. Vidoun, Miss Virginia Jidoun, Mr. Manley G. Miller, Mr. Vernon S. Woolley, Mr. Kenneth B. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Griffith, Mr. Simon T. Hoyt, Alfred T. Simpson, Mr. Hassanmal Delamul, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Delaney, Mr. B. W. Munro, Mr. Alfredo T. Mendoza, Mr. Y. Kanetaka, T. Kiyawa, Mr. C. Yama, Sgt. and Mrs. G. H. Roundy, Miss K. A. Heid, Mr. Akifusa Shimamura, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hildabrand, Master Stanley Hildabrand, Master Carl Hildabrand, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dally, Mr. George Monk, Mr. Roy C. Bennett, Mr. Heinrich Reiss, Mr. Kim Chan Fup, Mr. F. G. de Alberto, and Mr. Bertrand E. Orest.

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THE WATER SUPPLY.

TYTAM TUK PRACTICALLY EMPTY.

The water supply of the Colony still continues to be a subject of anxious thought and activity in official circles. The latest return of the Water Authority shows a rather alarming situation. Never since it was constructed has big Tytam Tuk presented such a sight, as it does to-day. Capacity of holding 1,400 million gallons of water, all that is in there now is 33.42 million gallons. It is no less than 99 ft. 11 in. below overflow. All the other reservoirs on the island are also well below overflow, and there is now less than half the water in storage that there was at this time last year. The following figures give the storage in millions and decimals of gallons:

Tytam	1928	1929
Tytam	203.32	220.27
Tytam Byewash	1.07	.73
Tytam Intermediate	31.40	176.30
Tytam Tuk	578.76	38.42
Wong Nai Chung	8.09	1.88
Pokfulum	21.15	7.00
Total	904.88	457.20

The consumption in the city and hill districts during March was 175.30 million gallons by an estimated population of 430,840, or 13.3 gallons per head per day. For March last year the consumption was 218.67 million gallons by an estimated population of 420,520, or 16.7 gallons per head per day.

There was an intermittent supply to all the main districts during March of last year and the services to houses in the rider main districts were disconnected and a supply given by street fountains only last month.

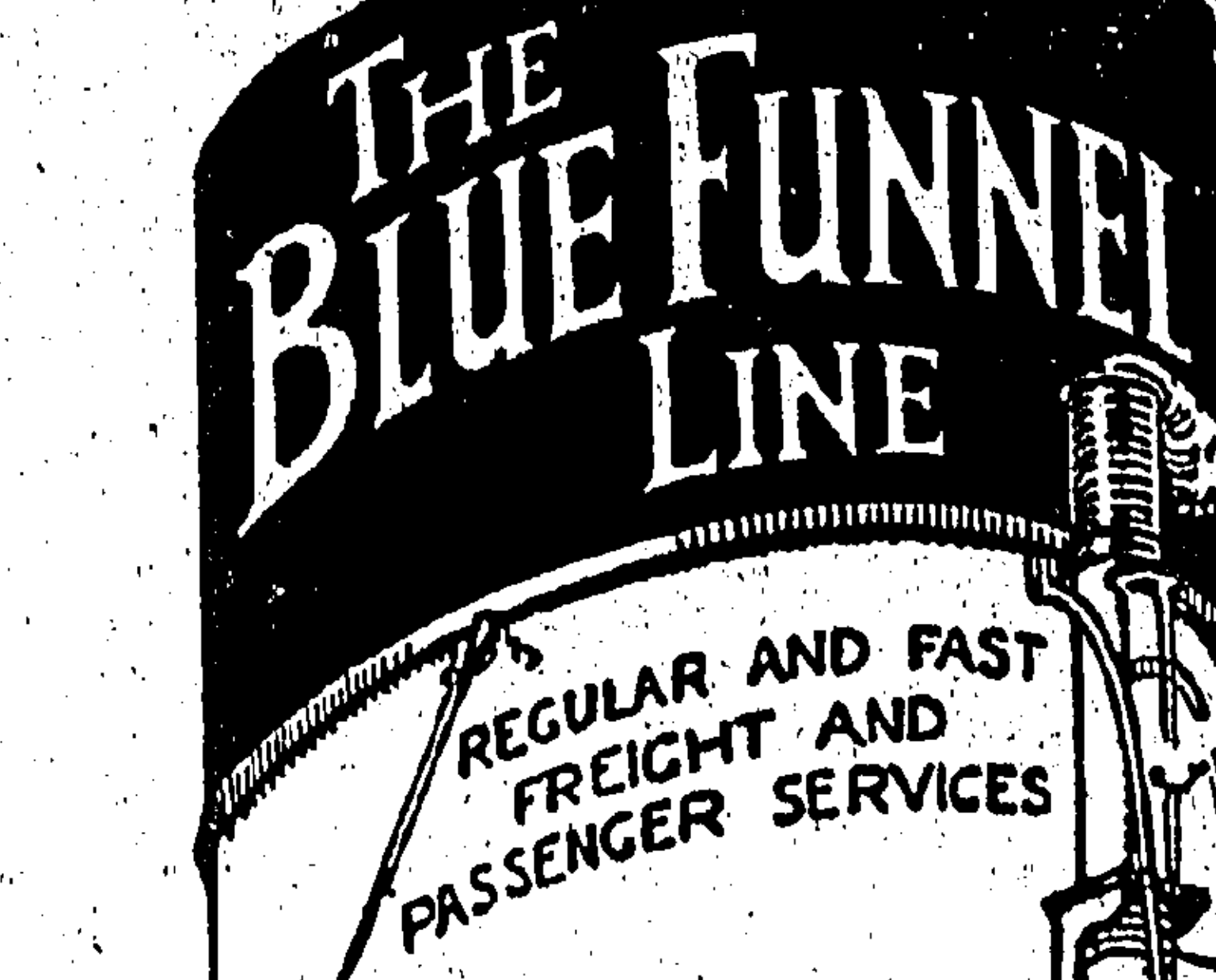
The storage in Kowloon has also very much decreased, as the following figures will show:

Kowloon Reservoir	1928	1929
Shek Tai Pui Reservoir	245.40	90.25
Reception Reservoir	108.00	73.04
Total	353.40	163.29

The consumption last month was 100.14 gallons as against 91.45 million gallons in March of last year; the population 169,480 as against 164,440, and the consumption per head per day 29.7 gallons as against 17.9 gallons. There was a full supply in all districts during March of last year and this year.

The rainfall is given as 2.02 ins. as against 10.64 ins. on March 31 last year.

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JAPANESE VESSEL'S FIRST VISIT TO HONGKONG.

Specially despatched from Dairen with a cargo of coal for Hongkong and Canton, a Japanese motor vessel arrived in port for the first time yesterday at 10 a.m., this being the m.v. Kuramasan Maru, owned by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd., who have a branch office in Hongkong.

This vessel was formerly used on the Japanese coastal run with occasional trips to the northern ports of China, but has never been south before. Asked whether she will call at Hongkong again, an M.B.K. official said that a great deal depends on the success of this trip. If they think it worth while, he said, they might put her on the regular run, but nothing is definite.

The Kuramasan Maru entered under the command of Capt. T. Odawara and had on board about 3,100 tons of coal, 1,700 of which are for local discharge and the rest for Canton. She will leave for the northern port this afternoon but will not call here on the return trip.

This vessel was built in 1927 by the Company's own docks at Tama and has a gross tonnage of 2,030 and a net tonnage of 1,133, her dimensions being length 275.5 feet, beam 40.7 feet and depth 21 feet. Fitted with wireless she was registered at Kobe and was engaged by Akt. Burmeister & Wain Corp. to 224 N.H.P.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

REPORTED ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES.

New York, Apr. 9.

According to the Washington correspondent of the *Herald-Tribune*, replying to reports from Geneva that the British delegation to the preliminary Disarmament Commission at Geneva would propose a renewal of discussions for the reduction of naval armaments, "authoritative quarters" in the State Department have stated that Mr. Gibson, the United States Minister to Brussels, who will represent the United States Government at the meeting of the Commission, bears instructions that the only basis on which the United States will enter another disarmament conference will be complete acceptance by Great Britain of the principle set forth by the American Government at the ill-fated tripartite conference in 1927.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TOWN BOMBED.

ALLEGED ACTION BY U.S. AEROPLANES.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Apr. 9. United States aeroplanes from Managua, which have been bombing suspected rebel camps along the border are reported to have bombed La Olima in Honduras. It is stated that the town was destroyed by a fire resulting from the bombing, and the authorities are investigating.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
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RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by Z.H.W. on 350 metres, 5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, (Beka Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Canton Trading Association Ltd.)

7.45 p.m. Evening weather report, 8 p.m. Evening Programme (Victor and H. M. V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie and Co.)

"Chorus, Gentlemen," (Lohr), "Off to Philadelphia," (Haynes), "Haricene, Percy Heming."

"Ballad, No. 2," "Pignorello Solo, Benno Moloschitch, "The Sailor's Grave," (Sullivan), "The Story of Lady Godiva,"

"Humorous Talking," "John Henry and "Blissom," "The Song is Ended," (Larkin), "Just a Memory," (Handerson),

Duet: Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham, "Storm on the Volga," (Pastecherke), Russian State Choir, "Symphony No. 2 in D Major,"

(Haydn), John Barbrolli's Chamber strch. "I'll Sing thee songs of Araby," "Sigh No More Ladies," (Stevens),

Tenor, Derek Oldham, "Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6," (Liszt) Piano Solo, Mischel Levitzki, "Invitation to the Waltz," (Weber), Philadelphia Orchestra, "Tales from the Vienna Woods,"

"Love-Tide of Spring," Soprano, Luciezin Rori, "Lotus Land,"

"Hungarian Dance No. 17," Violin Solo, Fritz Kreisler, "Two American Sketches," (Thomas Grisdelle),

Victor Concert Orchestra, "Song of the Bayon," Victor Salon Group, "Andantino in D flat,"

"Traumerei," Organ Solo, Edwin H. Lemare, 10.10 p.m. News Bulletin, "Oh: My Warriors,"

"Song of the Flies," Bass-Baritone, Peter Dawson.

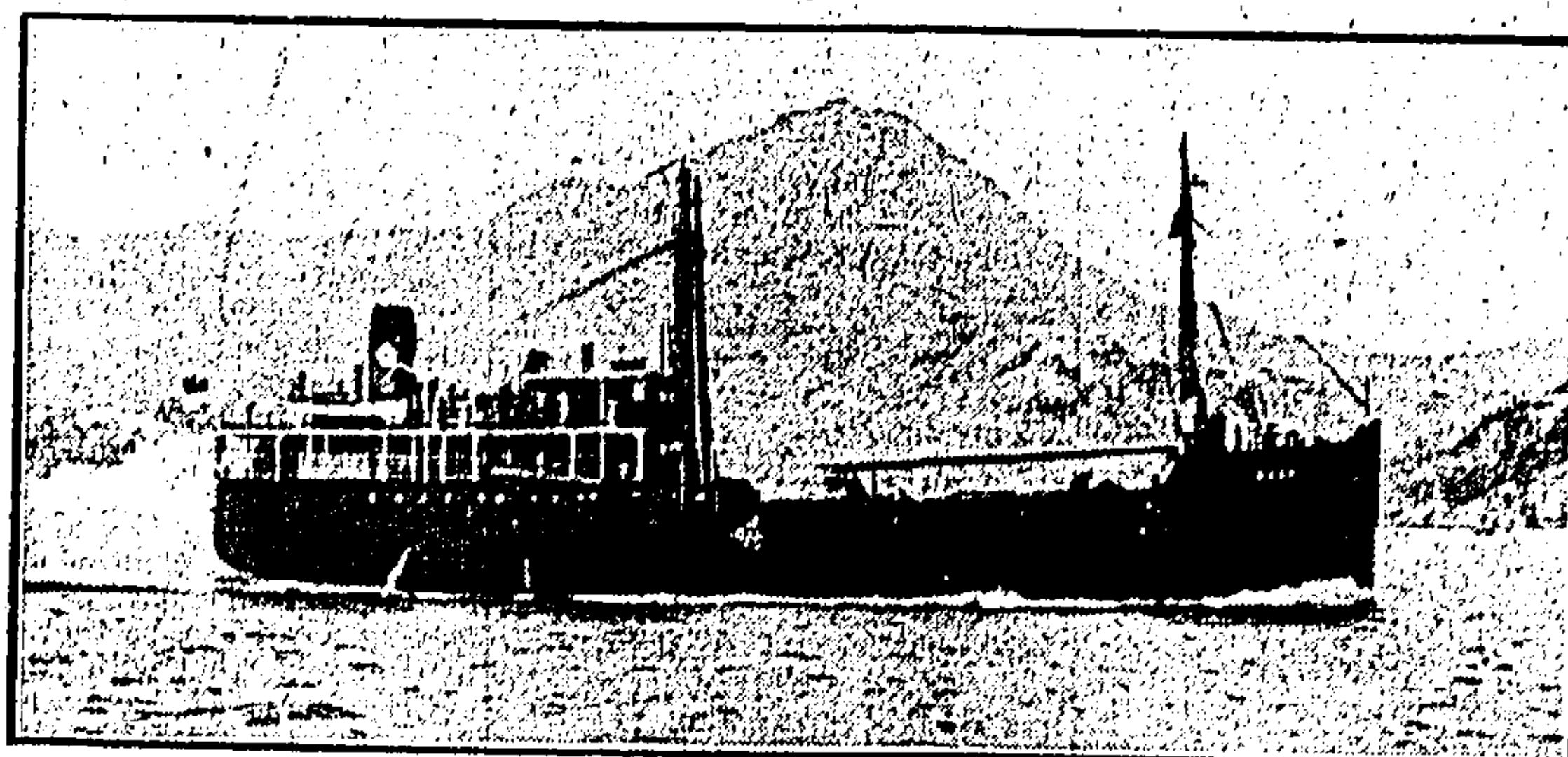
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FAMINE RELIEF.

LARGE DONATIONS OF GRAIN SEED RECEIVED.

Peking, Apr. 9.

The China International Famine Relief Commission reports the arrival of 600 tons of seed grain, the gift of Chang Hsueh-liang. It is valued at \$50,000 (Mexican). Most of it is being transhipped to Suaiyuan, in North Shanai.

During the past five days the China International Famine Relief Commission has received nearly 2,000 tons of grain as against 1,200 tons during the preceding few months.—*Reuter.*

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	8th May.	Straits & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	11th May.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
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MOREA	10,953	26th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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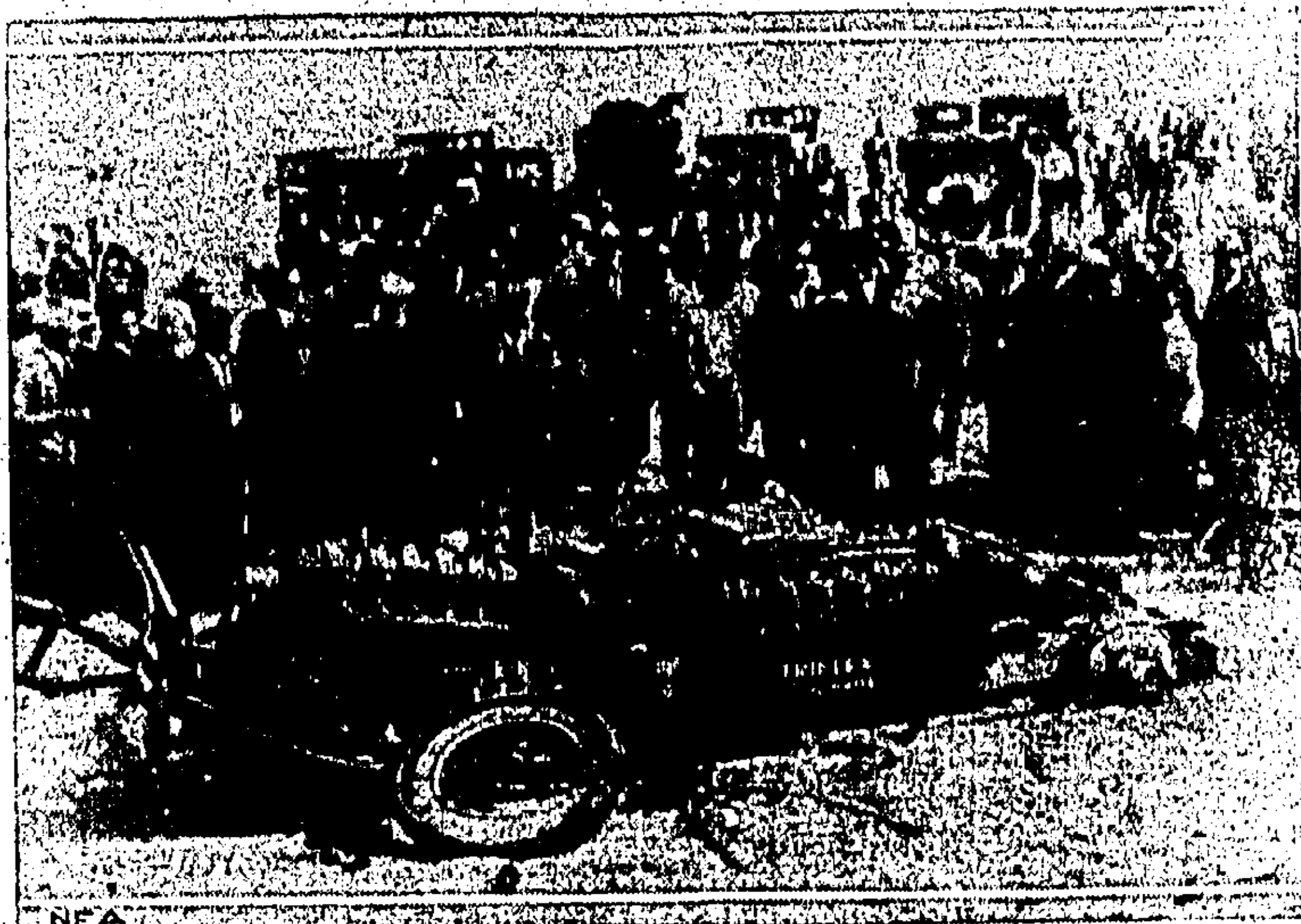
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EXCUSE PROVES INACCEPTABLE.
BOY OF SEVENTEEN FINED AT MARINE COURT.
Although his statement was corroborated by his master, a youth of 17 years, charged with hawking ship-fenders without a licence at Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, was found guilty and was fined \$10 by the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning.
Defendant pleaded not guilty but a Chinese constable in plain clothes, giving evidence stated that at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, he saw defendant crying his wares on a dinghy with six fenders on board. He personally saw, witness continued, defendant selling one of the fenders to a man on a sampan for 75 cents.
Asked what he had to say, defendant stated that he was a foki in a rattan shop at Mongkok and he was sent out to deliver six fenders to a junk lying at Yaumati Shelter.
The master of the rattan shop was present in court and gave evidence, corroborating defendant's statement. When he was asked the number of fenders he had ordered the defendant to deliver, witness appeared to be flustered, whereupon defendant called out in Chinese, "Six!" Defendant, however, made no further attempt to enlighten his master on facts relating to the case when his Worship threatened to cite him!
Cross-examined by Sgt. Barnicle, the master of the shop admitted that he did not give defendant a delivery book but said that defendant knew where to deliver the goods.
Commr. Hole, in summing up, remarked that he did not believe a word of the evidence given by the last witness, and was of the opinion that the master sent the defendant out to hawk. He imposed a fine of \$10 or 10 days, but the fenders were to be returned to the defendant.

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THE DAYTONA BEACH TRAGEDY.



Our picture shows the wreckage of the 36-cylinder White Triplex, in which Lee Bible was killed in attempting to beat Major Segrave's world speed record. The machine crashed into sand dunes at 202 miles an hour. The picture comes from San Francisco to which it was sent by telephoto process.

THE USUAL CHINA EXCUSE.

"UNEQUAL TREATIES" AND
FAKE COINS.

GENEVA CONFERENCE.

Geneva, Apr. 9.
Chinese delegates at Geneva seldom miss an opportunity of suggesting that their international obligations are not always carried out because of the "unequal treaties" and to-day was no exception to this rule when the representatives of thirty-four nations met to discuss the question of counterfeit currency.

It was the opening session of a conference which is meeting to devise means of suppressing counterfeit currency, and in addition to thirty members of the League of Nations, four non-members were in attendance, the United States, Soviet Russia, Turkey and Ecuador.

Mr. Hayashi, of Japan, declared that his Government was in favour of the Convention prepared by the Experts' Committee at Geneva in 1927, but they reserved the right to submit suggestions when the Articles were discussed.

Mr. Lo Ne-liang, the Chinese delegate, also supported the Convention, but alluded to the Chinese Government's difficulties in carrying out the laws, for example, when involved with foreign consular privileges and Concessions and the "unequal treaties."

Nevertheless, he said, the Chinese Government is doing its best in the circumstances.—*Reuter.*

MOVING STONES FROM FORESHORE.

CONTRACTOR FINED \$15 AT KOWLOON.

A charge of removing stones from the foreshore at Tai Wan Bay was brought against a contractor before Mr. T. S. White Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, at the instigation of Mr. G. J. Chambers, land bailiff. The defendant denied the charge and remarked that the stone was part of a quantity which was left over from a job last year.

Mr. Chambers gave evidence of finding some 40 to 50 women working on boulders which had been broken into small stones. The women, said witness, were those whom his Worship had shifted from Hok On some time ago. The defendant's son was present supervising the loading of the stone on to a junk. Witness further stated that there had not been any stones on the spot one month back, and it was not possible, therefore, that the quantity found had been the remains of a job last year.

After hearing the evidence his Worship imposed a fine of \$15.

ART MUSEUM'S BIG WINDFALL.

RESIDUE OF MR. MUNSEY'S ESTATE.

New York, Apr. 9.
It is learned that the Metropolitan Museum of Art will receive over \$3,170,000 as residuary legatees of the will of the well-known newspaper proprietor and publisher, the late Mr. Frank Munsey.—*Reuter's American Service.*

POINTED DUTCH PROTEST.

SEARCH OF STEAMER
RESENTED.

SHANGHAI CONSUL INSISTS ON TREATY PROCEDURE.

"OUDERKERK" CASE.

Shanghai, Apr. 9.

Communications have been exchanged between the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Wuansz King, and the Consul-General for the Netherlands, Mr. F. E. H. Groenman, with reference to the search of the Dutch str. Ouderkerk by members of the Chinese police force on February 20 and the alleged discovery of 300 revolvers on board.

The Ouderkerk was lying in mid-stream, at the time of the search, when the Chinese police boarded her for the purpose of searching for arms. After a search had been made, the police declared that they had discovered 300 revolvers.

Mr. Groenman wrote to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs informing him that, in cases where the crew of Dutch vessels were suspected of smuggling, he (Mr. Groenman) was always prepared to give every assistance to properly authorized persons, as were the shipping companies concerned.

Mr. Groenman further pointed out that the search had been made by unauthorized persons and drew the attention of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to this fact.

Justification Plea.

In the meantime, further inquiries were made and later the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs wrote an answer to the Netherlands Consul-General stating that the circumstances necessitated urgent measures and that the Chinese police were quite justified in their actions, which reply has resulted in the following letter being addressed to the Foreign Commissioner by Mr. Groenman:

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13, last, concerning the search for arms by the Chinese police which took place on board the Netherlands steamship Ouderkerk on February 20, 1929.

As you indicate in your despatch, the smuggling of arms and ammunition is undoubtedly a very serious matter, which ought to be prevented as much as possible. Immediately after the incident, in my letter of February 21, I assured you that I am always ready, as is only natural, to assist in such prevention, and so are the representatives of the steamship companies concerned and the masters and officers of the ships. This has been shown in the case of the Ouderkerk and it is my earnest wish that also in future co-operation in the prevention of smuggling should not be lacking.

Treaty Rules.

However, it is not desirable or necessary to depart to this end from the rules as laid down in treaties according to which the Chinese Maritime Customs are the only authorities empowered to visit and search foreign vessels. If the required co-operation exists between the different Chinese

DRASTIC CUTS IN AIR ESTIMATES.

SERIOUS EFFECT OF GERMAN
POLITICAL TROUBLE.

LUFTHANSA LET DOWN

Berlin, Apr. 9.

As the result of heavy cuts in the Budget made in order to re-establish harmony among the Government parties, the Aerial Traffic Department of the Ministry of Communications has suffered severely.

The sum of Mks. 4,500,000 which was originally allocated for the construction of a new Zeppelin shed has been "cancelled" altogether. This means not only the postponement of the construction of a shed, but a postponement of a new Zeppelin which was contemplated, but which could not be housed in the old hangar.

The sum of Mks. 19,000,000 assigned to the famous firm of Lufthansa, which controls the majority of the German air-lines, has been reduced by half. This heavy cut involves the dismissal of 60 per cent. of the Lufthansa personnel, a possible considerable restriction of the international air service and non-extension of aerodromes in Germany, unless Lufthansa obtain Government support for a loan to replace the budgetary cuts.

Dr. Eckener, the designer of the Graf Zeppelin, is most depressed, and said that hopes of the development of airship construction in Germany is dead.—*Reuter.*

authorities and if any and all, either private persons, or authorities, that believe to possess information about the smuggling of arms, impart such information at once to the Customs, then their branch of the Chinese Government will always be in a position to do that which must and can be done according to Chinese law and according to the treaties.

That this legal way of dealing with smuggling cases would be the best way, has been proved again by the occurrences on board the s.s. Ouderkerk, where, owing to the fact that the Police chose another method, they prevented the Customs from seizing all the arms that were hidden in the ship.

Customs Must Search.

Acting upon instructions of Her Majesty's Minister in China, I am, therefore, compelled to utter a protest against the manner in which the police have thought fit to act in this case. At the utmost, the Customs might, in exceptional cases, request the police to accompany them when visiting foreign ships, it being understood that the Consulate ought to be notified in advance, and preferably in advance, that the search can in no case be made by anybody but the Customs. On this point, I am particularly instructed to insist.

Concerning the punishment of the smugglers, I may inform you that, during or immediately after the incident, two Chinese members of the crew disappeared without leaving any trace, so that it is to be supposed that with them the guilty persons have escaped. Whether or not there existed any responsibility or negligence on the part of the master or other persons on board, is difficult to say, since no data are available. However, I have reported the matter to the competent authorities who will carefully investigate this case.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(sign.) F. E. H. GROENMAN,
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